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OR

THE BUDDHA AND HIS RELATION TO THE RELIGION OF THE VEDAS

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PREAMBLE.

Whereas there has been a long-standing difference between Hindus and Buddhists on account of which the Swami Maharaja Yogiraja of Buddha-Gaya has been repeatedly asked by Princes and the Public of India to do something in the way of making up the difference, it is therefore expedient that the following pages which have been prepared at the Yogiraja's behest and under his auspices be laid before the Representatives of the two Religions with a view to establish harmony and peaceful co-operation between contending parties, a more laudable task than which there cannot be.

Peoples of the world are agreed that strifes about minor points of religion are worse than useless, the main point of all the various systems of religion being one and the same. The Problem of the Infinite and the Riddle of the Universe are not for man to solve so long as his mind is confined and limited by his body. But Science and Philosophy, though still in their infancy, have given ample proofs of the strength of the unconquerable mind and the weakness of matter as compared with it. Man's nearest concern is, therefore, how to step into the next higher stage of evolution (which, according to Science, is yet to come; or which, according to Revelation, is already in existence), in which the body is brought under sway of mind. It is this concern for the uplift

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DEAR SIR,

I am desired to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of a copy of "The Buddha Mimansa," which has been placed before His Excellency the Viceroy. His Excellency was much interested to read it.

Yours truly, C. P. HANCOCK.

PREFACE

(By the Swami Maharaja Yogiraja of Buddha-Gaya) (Translated)

At the instance of His Highness the Hon'ble Maharajadhiraja Sir Rameshwar Singh Bahadur of Darbhanga I offer the book to the public, hoping that it will be accorded a favourable reception by them. It is part of a comparative study of all Religions, made with a view to arrive at the Universal Religion. The whole range of Vedic and Buddhist literature, native as well as foreign, has been researched in preparing these pages, as will appear from a perusal of the book.

. It gives me much pleasure to mention that the writer, Maitreya, belongs to the house of Gautama, which traces its Patriarchal descent from the Vedic Rishi Gotama, the founder of the Nyaya Philosophy or the first school of Logic in the world. A scion of the same house was Gautama Buddha, the founder of Buddhism and the subject of the present treatise.

I have further pleasure in mentioning that our worthy and esteemed District Magistrate, W. B. Brett, Esq., I.C.S., has taken the trouble of going through the pages, and I quote his appreciation below.

I have read the book "The Buddha and his Relation to the Religion of the Vedas" with much interest.

(Sd.) W. B. BRETT.

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THE OBEISANCE.

Lord of Infinite Majesty, more merciful than the creator; surpassing the sun in the dispelling of darkness; excelling the moon in the allaying of heat; such is the peerless Buddha to whom obeisance is being done here.¹

INTRODUCTION.

The Sanatana Dharma, or Religion of the Vedas.

In the history of religions the broad features of the Vedic Religion. Sanātana Dharma or the World-old Religionents of gion of the Vedas have been traced. The World-old Religion concerns itself neither with matter nor with mind. It knows of a third thing, namely, spirit (or soul), of which both matter and mind are manifestations²; and it directs all its activities to

¹ The Buddha-Charita of Aswaghosa 1—1 (See N).

² This is the theme of all the Upanishads and of the teachings of Plato in ancient and Hegel in modern times. See Sully's "Human Mind": Vol. II. Appendix, p. 369, and Green's "Prolegomena to Ethics," Art. 33. (See N).

and the impure mind;—which liberation it calls the salvation (Videhamukti; Nirvāna)¹. It knows of the existence of beings superior to man in the scale of evolution (the devas, gods, spirits, angels),² in whom the will-power has so far triumphed as to bring the body (and matter) under the sway of the mind, thus ensuring a partial liberation to

¹ This is the theme of the Vedanta Philosophy of Sankarā-chārya. The term "Nirvāṇa" was used in the Upanishads and the Yogavāsistha long before the coming of Buddha. It is wrongly supposed to be a term of Buddhistic origin. See the term "Brahma-nirvana" in the Bhagavad-Gita (2-72).

Dr. Savory in the introduction to the "Book of Health" takes up the subject from a scientific point of view and supports the saying of St. Paul that the body is a humiliation to the soul and that it shall be changed. ("Book of Health," edited by Malcolm Morris, Introductory chapter).

The Taittiriya Upanishad: 2-8. Cf. Brihadaranyaka Upanishad: 4-3-33. Also Bible: Daniel, vii, 10 ff. (See N). The hosts of celestial beings are called the "upper family" (Ephesians iii, 15) and with reference to them God is called the Lord of Hosts (Zachariah viii). The Koran also says that God employs the Angels as envoys, guardians, guides, and revealers to mankind (Koran; Surah: 13-12; 16-2; 35-1; 42-51). Muhammad himself declared that the Koran was delivered to him, with God's order to preach it, by the Angel Gabriel (Koran; Surah: 2-91; 42-52; 53-1). (See N). And so, in spite of Muhammad's prohibition, there are many spirit-worshippers among his followers, who ignite the sacred lamp at the graves of their saints. [" The devas, or gods, of the different heavens are of the same class with angels and saints."-See Prinsep: "Tibet, Tartary and Mongolia," p. 140]. The Parsi and Chinese Religions not only believe in spirits but are based upon fire-worship. [On the worship of the Sacred Fire among the Chinese, and on Fire-worship as Ancestorworship, see Frazer's "Golden Bough," Vol. X, p. 136 ff., and Vol. II, p. 221].

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wheir proper element. To indicate their creed the votaries of the Sanātana Dharma generally wear a tuft of hair on their heads called the Shikhā (which word literally means the burning flame), build their temples in the shape of a flame (bulging out at the base and tapering up to a point)²; and worship the cow because her butter is ordained as the proper thing to be poured into the fire to make it

¹ Rig Veda 1-1-2; 1-12-1; 1-22-10. (See N). The fire which is the proper element of the Devas in which they choose to make themselves visible to man is that which is first generated by the process of friction known as *Pramathana* in the Vedas, from which comes the Greek mythology of Prometheus stealing fire from heaven. (See Kaegi: "Rig Veda," p. 132 of the English Translation. Also Kuhn and Schmidt). Shakespeare alludes to it as having a life-giving power,—as a restorer of the departed spirit to the dead body:—"That Promethean heat that can thy light relume." (Othello 5-2-12).

² There are three types of temples, each indicating by its outward shape the kind of worship which is ordained within it. The round-topped temples (domes, mosques) are for worship of the male element, the Lingam or Phallus; the triangular-faced temples (cones or pyramids) are for worship of the female element, the Yoni; and the flame-shaped temples are for the worship of the Sacred Fire. (Cf. Jennings: "Nature Worship," Phallicism, p. 55-56). Within each of these Fire-temples there was a triangleshaped spot at the base called the "Yoni" (or place of origin) in the Vedas, in which Ghrita (or melted butter) was kept burning. (Rig Veda 1-140-1; 3-5-7). (See N). Cf. also Goldstucker: "Literary Remains," Vol. I, p. 25, and Stevenson's Introduction to Sama Veda). Right above the burning Ghrita was suspended a jar (full of that Ghrita), called the Kumbha (Atharva Veda 3-12-8), (See N), which fed the fire by letting fall continuous drops of Ghrita on it ("Ghritasya dhārā":-Rig Veda, 4-58-5 to 8). (See N). In former times, periodical gatherings of these Kumbhas

CHAPTER I.

Buddha himself a follower of the Religion of the Hindus.

Gautama Buddha was a product of the World-old Religion of the Vedas (the Sanatana Dharma or Hinduism proper), and the religion which he is supposed to have given to the world was not any new religion as it is sometimes wrongly maintained to be, but only a reformation of the extravagances and corruptions which had crept into the existing system of the World-old Religion at that time. He came from the Kshatriya or warrior tribe of India, and his name Buddha Nepali Sākya Singha attests to it; the word Kshatriya birth: born in Singha being always added to the proper a stronghold names of the Kshatriyas.2 He was a of Hinduism. Nepali by birth, being born at Kapila-vāstu or the abode

¹ See the extracts from authorities, at the end of the present work. Cf. "In its origin at least, Buddhism was more of a social than of a religious reformation. It was an attack upon that web of priestcraft which Brahmanism had woven round the Society." (Smith: "Mohammed and Mohammedanism," p. 4). Cf. Max Muller: "Chips from a German Workshop," Vol. I, p. 220; Spence Hardy: "Legends and Theories of the Buddhists," Intro., p. 13-20; Beal: "Buddhist Pilgrims," Intro., p. 49, ff. Cf. Powell: "Buddha, the Reformer of Brahmism" (Utica, U.S.A.); also cf. Clarke: "Buddhism, or The Protestantism of the East" (Atlantic Monthly, Boston, Vol. XXIII, p. 713 ff.).

² Cunningham, with his usual sagacity, perceived the real name of Buddha when he prepared the inscription within the Great Temple of Buddha-Gaya wherein occurs the following:—"Where, Prince Sakya Singha became Buddha." (See N). Cf. Hunter's

Religion of the Vedas. One of the appellations given to him is Arkabandhu, which means "Friend of the Sun." Evidently this means that he was pre-eminent for his regular devotions to the sun, which is only another form of fireworship. Indeed, there are many indications of fireworship to be found in the Religion of the Buddha and the different schools of his followers. The Vedic rites of the Sacred Fire (Yajna) required the worshipper to cover his head with a turban (the "Usnisa" or Sirastrāna). The Rishis wore this turban and Buddha also

¹ See the Sanskrit Lexicons:—Amarakosha 1-1-10; Abhidhana-Chintamani of Hemachandra 2-149 ff; Vaijayanti-kosha of Yadavaprakash: 1-1-35 (Oppert). (See N).

² Fire-worshippers worship the Sun also, which is the Central Fire of the Universe. "The relation of fire to the sun is unmistakable. The Japanese call fire and sun by the same name, hi." (Aston: "Shinto," p. 159). The name Mithraism or Sunworship (the sun being called Mithra in the Avesta, and Mitra in the Vedas) is applied to the Fire-worship of the Parsis. Cf. also Rig Veda 3-5-4; 10-45-1. (See N).

³ Buddha recommended the worship of the Sacred Fire and himself practised it (see Arya Manjusri Mulakalpa, Ch. xiii); and he always chose to sit beneath the tree (the Aswattha) whose wood was specially consecrated to purposes of the Sacred Fire (Rhys Davids: "Buddhist India," p. 231). Cf. Hargrave Jennings: "The Results of the Mysterious Buddhism," (Ch. 23 and elsewhere). (See N).

the distant Pamirs, there is still the "flame in the butter" in front of the images of Buddha.1

Like all fire-worshippers, Buddha declared the
existence of Devas or heavenly beings,

A believer in both of the higher and the lower kinds,
and of several unseen Lokas (world-systems or celestial spheres) for their abode.² He
spoke of Indra (the Devarāja), of Brahmā (the Sahampati or Sabhāpati), of Kuvera (the Yaksharaja) and
of Māra (the Kāmadeva),—all Devas of the Hindu
Pantheon,—as paying occasional visits to him. And
his followers, consequently, have mixed up his system
with the idolatrous Tantras, which are nothing but the
worship of the Devas through the sacred fire.³

¹ Lord Dunmore: "The Pamirs," Vol. I, p. 145.

² Rhys Davids: "The Buddhist Suttas," p. 88, p. 154. (See N).

³ (See N). Dr. Enriquez in his "Images in Buddhism" speaks of idolatry in Buddhism as a surprising fact. Cf. Knebel: "The Vāhanas of the Brahmanical and Buddhistic Pantheon." (Tijdschrift voor Indische Kunde, Batavia, deel 47, p. 227-340).

He is never born in the lower castes: this is a distinctive mark of the Bodhisattwa." "The Bodhisattwa is born of a high caste, the caste of Kshatriya or the caste of Brahmana; he is born in the very lineage to which belonged the preceding Bodhisattwas."

And as he observed the caste-system so he observed the regulations of food enjoined by the · An observer He even went World-old Religion. of food-regulations. beyond it in prohibiting all dainty articles of diet, e.g., milk and its products, for the Sramanas (Sannyāsins, ascetics).² Doubtless he permitted the Sramanas to take the unprohibited foods from all givers irrespective of their castes, just as he used to do himself; and in this respect Sankarāchārya and his followers (the Sannyasins of India), who are regarded as the spiritual heads of the Hindu Religion, are also

¹ Satasāhasrikā-Prajnāpāramitā, Ch. 10, p. 1460, and p. 1471 (Asiatic Society's edition). (See N).

² An enumeration of the permitted and of the prohibited foods is to be found in the Bhikshu Prātimoksha Sutra. (Cf. Oldenberg: "Vinaya Texts," Vol. I, p. 40). It may be observed here that the term *Sramana* adopted by Buddha for himself and his followers was not a word of his invention but may be found in the Rāmāyana of the Hindus in the sense of an ordinary Sannyāsin (or ascetic).—See the Rāmāyana of Valmiki, Balakanda xiv—12. (See N).

unwholesome. Especially in Pava,—a land teeming with living boars all the year round in all ages,—dried boar's flesh can have no reason for existence. Buddha, born and bred in the house of Suddhodana (who derived his appellation from the purity of his food). and himself exhorting the whole world to desist from the slaughter of animals, would have been the last person to take dried boar 's flesh, which must be disgusting even to the palate of the professed meat-eater. Chanda, who offered him the last meal of his life, was a Hindu gold-smith by caste to whom boar was untouchable by the immemorial usages of the land. The Muhammadans, to whom boar's flesh is prohibited as "hārām" by their religion itself, are very bitter in their invectives and abuses upon all eaters of that article. Yet it is a strange fact that nowhere in the vast Muhammadan literature of sectarian polemics have abuses been poured forth upon Buddha for having been an eater of the detestable "hārām." On the contrary, such authoritative and classical Muhammadan works as the Shahristani speak reverentially of him. The allegation that Buddha died by eating of dried

¹ Oldenberg: "Buddha," p. 200. Rhys Davids speaks of him as a copper-smith. See "Buddhist Suttas," p. 73.

whom he used always to forgive with a god-like forgiveness. Such a thing should not be mentioned at all except that it is referred to by way of vindicating the unimpeachable conduct of this personality who was above the possibility of all inconsistencies. The Buddhist priests of the higher class still follow the example of their revered teacher and abstain from meat rigidly.²

Both in morals and in philosophy Buddha followed in the footsteps of the Vedic Rishis. His veneration for them is evinced by his frequent mention of the sayings of the Rishis of the Vedas as his authority, whom he used to include in the term Purva-Buddhas or the Buddhas of old³; and by his expressly saying that he chose Benares as

¹ When his followers would combine to punish any of his calumniators, Buddha would make them desist from taking such a course and would only instruct them to plead his innocence (Cf. the Digha Nikāya, Brahma-jāla Sutra, § 5 ff).

² Cf. "Binning's Travels," Vol. I, p. 19. Cf. also Hopkins: "The Buddhist rule against eating meat" (Journal of American Oriental Society, New Haven, 1907, Vol. XXVII, p. 457 & seq.).

³ Cf.—La Vallée Poussin: "On the authority (prāmānya) of the Buddhist Āgamas" (Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society, London, 1902, p. 374).—George Buehler: "Buddha's quotation of a Gāthā by Sanatkumara" (Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society, London, 1897, p. 585 ff.).—Watanabe: "The story of Kalmāsapāda. A Study in the Mahabharata and the Jātaka." (Journal of the Pali Text Society, London, 1909, p. 236-310).—Hardy: "The story of the merchant Ghosaka, with reference to other Indian parallels" (Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society, London, 1898, p. 787 ff).

quoted verbatim.¹ His doctrine of universal love is based upon the principle of conquering hatred by non-hate, which is thoroughly Vedic in its origin.² And he upheld the Vedic doctrine of the sacredness of marriage and hated unchastity with a genuine hatred.³

Like the Rishis he believed in the soul and its rebirth, in the life to come, and in the law of retribution (Karma) which visits evildoing with evil and good-doing with good.

¹ Vedic Text: "Don't slay any living being" (quoted by Sridhara Swamin in Bhagavad-Gita 18-3). It is worth noting that the dictum *Ahinsā paramodharma* (giving up of slaughter is the height of religion) was not first pronounced by Buddha, as is wrongly supposed by many, but occurs in the Mahabharata more than once. (See N).

² The Vedas say: "One should bridge over the otherwise unbridgable stream of hatred by non-hate" (The Sama Veda, Chhanda Archika, Ch. 6, pt. 1, mantra 9). Buddha puts it thus: "Let one overcome hatred by love. Hatred does not cease by hating at any time; hatred ceases by not hating: this is its nature." (Dhammapada 17-3; Dhammapada 1-5). (See N).

³ See Rhys Davids: "Buddhist Suttas," p. 91. (See N).

^{4 &}quot;Being a Hindu he (the Buddha) adopted the then, as now, current Hindu notion of metempsychosis or palingenesis,—from death to re-birth and fresh deaths to fresh re-births."—Waddell: "Buddha's Secret from a Sixth Century Commentary" (Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society, London, 1894, p. 372). Cf.—Gough: "The Philosophy of the Upanishads," p. 186.—Krishnamacharyya: "Buddhism; its fundamental beliefs." (Brahmavadin, 1911). [Ananda Maitriya holds a different view in his Transmigration]. (See N).

Rīshis.¹ One of his accepted names is Advayavādin,² which means a true follower of the Upanishads,—one who maintains the doctrine of the real existence of the one thing only. This one thing or the Thing-in-itself in his philosophy is the same as the Infinitude of Consciousness (or Pure Spirit) arrived at by the Aryans and set forth in the World-old Religion of the Vedas as the "Jnānam-anantam" (or Brahma)³; and, to indicate its Aryan origin, Buddha calls it by the name of "Ārya Prajnā-pāramitā," and applies to it epithets of Vedic coinage, as amita (infinite), nirvikalpa (absolute), etc.⁴ This is the Vedic Brahmavāda in his philosophy; and there is also the corresponding Māyāvāda in it under the name of Sunyavāda. By Sunyatā or nothingness, more correctly, emptiness or

¹ Cf. La Vallée Poussin: "Mahāyāna Buddhism" (Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society, London, 1908, p. 889); Oldenberg: "Die Religion des Veda und der Buddhismus" (Deutsche Rundschau, Berlin, 1895, Vol. LXXXV).

² The Lexicons, Amarakosha I-I-I-9; and Vaijayanti-kosha I-I-34. (See N).

³ Taittiriya Upanishad 2-1. (See N).

⁴ The Abhidharmapitaka (Introductory Hymn to the Prajnā-pāramitā Astasahasrika). Cf. "As a Religion, Buddhism is often alleged to be atheistic. But Buddha, as is well-known, nowhere expressly denies an Infinite First Cause or an unconditioned Being beyond the finite."—Waddell: "Buddha's Secret from a Sixth Century Commentary" (Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society, London, 1894, p. 384). (See N).

make bodies unto me." This utterance, which has been a puzzle to the Buddhists, can be understood only by those who are versed in the mysteries of the Hindu Religion, viz., the mysteries of the Upanishads or the mysteries of the Yoga. And even as the Rishis

¹ The Dhammapada II—9. Cf. Monier Williams: "Buddhism," p. 38. (See N).

² Cf. Knighton's "History of Ceylon," p. 67.

³ In the Philosophy of the Upanishads, ātmadarsana, or seeing the soul by intuition, is held to be the only way of attaining salvation. (Taittiriya Upanishad 2-r; Swetaswatara Upanishad 6-15). (See N). Practisers of Yoga will remember that by intense concentration or Dhyāna, which Buddha always practised, a supernatural vision may be obtained. The method of obtaining such a vision is known in the Yoga Philosophy as the Shāmbhavi Mudrā and is highly extolled by it as the sure path to salvation. (See Hatha-Yoga Pradipika 4-35; Gheranda Samhita 3-59 to 62). (See N). These sporadic cases of hallucinations are often very wonderful in their accompaniments and also in their agreement in different individuals. (See James: "Psychology," Vol. II, p. 130). St. Francis of Assisi who beheld Jesus in such a vision, immediately had marks of perforation by nails on his own hands and feet. (Cf. S. Baring-Gould: "Lives of the Saints," Vol. XI, p. "III).

CHAPTER II.

The Hindus themselves followers of the Buddha.

Just as there are evidences to show that Buddha was a product of the World-old Religion of the Vedas and a Hindu himself, so there are evidences to show that his worship was originally carried on by the orthodox Hindus themselves, and that there was no such thing as heterodox Buddhism in the beginning of its career. And the evidences are specially strong as they come from the sacred books of the Hindus, the texts of which are regarded by the Hindus themselves as of universal authoritativeness.¹

First of all, Buddha is unanimously admitted by the Hindus to be an Incarnation Avatāra of the Hindus. (Avatāra)² of Nārāyana or God, who came to rescue the Kingdom of Righteousness

¹ See the Pamphlet named "Buddha-Gaya Mahatmya."

² Matsya Purana 47-247; Kalki Purana 2-3-26; Vayu Purana, Ekalinga Mahatmya, 12-43; 14-39; Garuda Purana 86-10; Varaha Purana 4-3; 113-27; Nrisingha Purana 36-29. (For texts and other references, see N).

for these to be with two hands, long ears, seated in deep meditation in the posture called the Padmāsana of the Yogins, and wearing the two yellow robes of the sannyāsin, all representing him as the Hindu ascetic which he actually was in his life-time. And it is expressly stated that these images, made for

—by the method of Sālagrāmapujā or
Symbol-w o rship; and by
Tilakadhārana
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worship according to the rules of Tantra, are to be worshipped by people of the orthodox Hindu community.³ As usual in Hindu idolatry, a certain kind of Sālagrāma or Sacred Stone is mentioned as symbolical of Buddha.⁴ Further, a special Tilaka or mark on the forehead is enjoined on all orthodox Hindus who

¹ In the line of Hindu "sannyāsa" (or asceticism) Buddha was the successor of Dattatreya, and Sankarāchārya the successor of Buddha. (See N).

² Linga Purana 2-48-28 to 33; Agni Purana 49-8; Bhavisya Purana, 2-73; Hemadri: Ch. 1 of Bratakhanda (the portion dealing with the twenty-four forms of Vishnu); Hemadri, Ch. 15 of Bratakhanda. (For texts and other references see N).

³ Suta Samhita 4-3-21; and Suta Gita 8-45. (See N).

⁴ Special Symbols are prescribed for special objects of adoration in the Hindu Shastras. The Symbol special to Buddha is a particular kind of the *Sālagrāma* stone. See Brahmanda Purana. (See N).

his life (or hearing the same recited by another), -by Gayatri accompanied by observations of occasional fasts and festivities: 1 the Buddha-Gāvatri or the Vedic formula of address special to Buddha: the Buddha-Mantra —by Mantra or the incantation proper to him; and the -bv Namas-Buddha-Namaskārah or the final salutakarah tion to the Buddha.4 Further, the place, Buddha-Gava, where he attained his enlightenment, together with the famous -by Tirtha yatra or pilgrim-Bodhi-tree under which it took place, is age to his resorts. regarded as a Tirtha, or place of pilgrimage by peoples of the orthodox

¹ Agni Purana 16-1; Garuda Purana 1-2-32; 1-149-39; Baraha Purana 211-65 to 66; 48-22; 49 (the whole chapter); Bhavisya Purana 2-73 (twice in the chapter); Hemadri, "Bratakhanda" Ch. 15; Nirnaya Sindhu, Ch. 2. (For texts and other references see **N**).

² Linga Purana: 2-48-28 to 33. (See N).

³ Meru Tantra, Avatāraprakarana, 36. (See N). For various mantras of the Buddha see the Tara Tantra. (Barendra Résearch Society Series, No. 1).

⁴ Bhagavata Purana 10-40-22; Kurma Purana 6-15, and 10-48; Vayu Purana 30-225; Baraha Purana 55-37; Padma Purana, Kriyākhanda 6-188; 11-94; Padma Purana, Sristikhanda 73-92; Garga Samhita, Viswajitkhanda 13-49; Meru Tantra, Avatāraprakarana, 36. (For texts and other references see N).

As for the term Bodhi-tree being always and everywhere a synonym for the Pippala or fig-tree, the assertion is not true. As a synonym for the Pippala, the term occurs only in the Lexicon of Amara Singha¹ who is well-known to have been a Buddhist himself. Pre-Buddhistic literature can produce nothing to corroborate it; and, even up to the present time, no other Pippala tree, whether at Buddha-Gaya or elsewhere has been called by the name of Bodhi-tree except the one which sheltered the Buddha during his reaching the enlightenment. The Lexicon, there--the tree defore, intends the term Bodhi-tree not as rives its name from Buddha. a synonym for all Pippala trees but only

for that one which had become so famous as to deserve a name in the Lexicon. As for the place Buddha-Gaya, it was formerly known as the "Urubelā-ban," (more correctly, Uruvilva-vana), or the forest of the village named Uruvilva, the modern Urela;—and it, like the tree, derives its present name very properly from the Buddha who made it known to the whole world.²

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¹ The Amarakosha: 2-42-1.

² The old pokhar (or tank) south of the temple, in which, according to tradition, Buddha used to bathe, is called the Buddha-pokhar. It has grown considerably bigger than what it originally was, by mud being dug out of it to build the Temple at a much later date. (See the Imperial Gazetteer of India: "Bengal," Vol. II, p. 50). The tank evidently derives its name from Buddha and there is no dispute in this point. So there is no reason why a dispute should be raised about the names of the tree and the place, and why a different derivation is to be sought for them. According to the Harvard authorities, Bodhi-tree (Bo-tree) means 'any tree under which a Buddha attains the supreme enlightenment." (See Warren's "Buddhism in Translations": p. 499).

gives the word Dharmaraja as a synonym for Buddha; and it is well-known that the worship of *Dharma-Thākur*, confined to a sect of the Vaishnavas in some parts of Bengal and other provinces of India, is a form of the Buddha's worship.²

The subject of the prohibition to Hindus from going to Buddhist Temples and the allied topic of a Deutero-Buddha may fitly be taken up here. The text regarded as the authority on this point prohibits Hindus from going to Jaina Temples only³ (" na gachand Buddhist chhet Jaina-Mandiram":—one should not go to the Temples of the Jainas); and the difference between Jaina and Buddhist is well-known.⁴

The supposed prohibition arose through a confusion of this text with another which speaks of Buddha as the *Jina-suta* or son of Jina ("Buddha nāmnā Jina-suta

¹ Amarakosha: 1-1-1-8; Vaijayantikosha: 1-1-33. (See N).

² This subject has been most ably and admirably brought to light by Mahamahopadhyaya Pandit Haraprasad Sastri (President of the Asiatic Society).

³ This text is more of an interpolation than of an authority. Its origin can not be traced definitely.

⁴ The images in Jaina Temples must, as a rule, be always in the nude state (naked), while the images of Buddha must show him as wearing garments. [Cf. Leon Feer: "Tirthikas et Bouddhistes." Leiden. 1885. (Transactions of the International Congress of Orientalists, part 3, section 2)]. (See N).

rites and observances." The wise should always recollect the names of the ten Avatāras including Buddha." Hence some other meaning for the term Jina-suta is to be sought for. Accord—Jina-suta is ing to the Lexicon "Medini," which is regarded as a first-class authority, another synonym for the word Jina is Bhagavān or God (Bhagavān nā Jine). On this authority, the term Jina-suta would mean the son of Bhagavān or God, that is to say an incarnation of Nārāyana,—an Avatāra,—which the Buddha is admitted on all hands to have been. And this must be taken to be the

¹ Garuda Purana: 1-2-32. (See N).

² Garuda Purana: 2-31-35. (See N).

³ The Medinikosha:—(ta-endings, § 215. For *Jina* in the sense of Vishnu (or God) see also Hemachandra 2—130; Halayudha 1-25 (and Aufrecht's Glossary, p. 222); St. Petersburg Dictionary (s. v.); Sabda Kalpa Druma (s. v.). (See N).

⁴ See above, p. 25 ff. Another name for Vishnu or Bhagavān (God) is Jishnu which comes from the same root as Jina and means the same thing, viz., the conqueror or Lord. (See N). Sometimes the words Jina, Jinendra and Jaitra are applied to Buddha, not with any sectarian significance, but only in the sense of "the victorious," the mighty. In the Vaijayantikosha of Yadavaprakasa the word Jina has been mentioned twice separately, once as the epithet of Buddha, and again as the epithet of Arhat or Tirthika of the Jainas. (Oppert's Ed., p. 5). In the St. Petersburg Dictionary, "Jina-putra" is taken to mean "Bodhisattwa." It may also mean "successor of the Buddhas of old,"—the word "Jina" meaning Buddha.—(Amarakosha 1-1-1-8 ff.)

assumed to himself the name of Buddha.¹ And those texts therefore mean as follows: The Incarnation of God (Jina-suta) born at Kapilavāstu, will, after he has assumed his title to Buddhahood (Buddhanāma), make his appearance² (bhavisyati) in a plurality of places in the land of Kikata (Kikatesu),—the land which he will choose as the play-ground of his activities.

Of this Buddha, who is the ninth Avatāra of the Hindus, it has been said that he confirmed the atheists in their own atheistical views (Sammohāya suradvishām)³; knowing that atheists were sufficiently punished in their own atheism, the intolerable burden of which would inevitably lead, by reaction, to theism.⁴

The full story of Buddha's assuming the functions of a beguiler and the purpose achieved thereby is given

¹ Cf. Lalita Vistara, Ch. 25; (p. 400 of Lefmann's Ed., line 19):—"The good people hear the Dharma in the lands of Magadha (Magadhesu)." Magadhesu here (also in the plural) is the exact equivalent of Kikatesu in the texts referred to above (See N). Note also that just as the birth-day of Buddha (or Buddha-Jayanti) is held to be the day on which he attained his Buddhahood (or Enlightenment), so his birth-place is held to be the place where he attained his Buddhahood, that is, Buddha-Gaya, in the land of Kikata. The Hindus regard the attainment of gnosis as a new birth; cf. the term "Dwija" or twice-born (for a Brāhmana, i.e., one who has knowledge of Brahma).

² See Rajendralala Mitra: "Buddha-Gaya," p. 6.

³ Bhagavata Purana 1-3-24; Garuda Purana 1-2-32; the same 1-149-39. (See N).

⁴ Cf Suta Samhita: Brahma Gita, Ch. 4,—verses 66, 67, 70 (See N).

a deluder $(M\bar{a}yin)$; and some have even gone so far as to suppose that his religion and worship are therefore prohibited to Hindus. This supposition, however, is a wrong one. Instances of doing good to the world by practising a trick of delusion upon the wicked are not uncommon in the Hindu Shastras, and the deluder in such cases is never put under ban and bar for doing that.² Not only Buddha but all the other Avatāras also are known to have practised delusion upon others, thereby beguiling them in some point to their detriment, while securing some good to the world.3 In the Bhagavad-Gita, Krishna, as the incarnation of the Deity says: "From me come both presence of mind and correct knowledge, as well as forgetfulness, that is to say, both correct guidance and leading astray."4 And the Upanishads also declare the same thing thus,-

¹ Kurma Purana:—10-48; Bhagavata Purana:—10-40-22; also Mahabharata: Bhismastavaraja in Santiparva. (See N).

² An instance of leading astray by a false doctrine is given in the Devi Bhagavata (Book IV, Ch. 10 to 13); another instance of creating weakness and bringing ruin through inculcating a false doctrine may be found in the Matsya Purana, 24-37 to 49. (See N).

³ Siva Purana, Rudra Samhita, Kumarakhanda:—9-25 (See N).

⁴ Bhagavad-Gita: 15-15. ("Apohana" being taken in the sense of absence of mind, oblivion, or putting out of wits). (See N)

become a Buddha) was the one who afterwards ripened into his Buddhahood in the land of Kikata, where he went from place to place diffusing the light which he had received for the benefit of all believers, without entering into disputations with the atheists and others who opposed him. Just as Rāma, born at Ayodhya, had his mission in Lanka; or Krishna, born at Mathura, had his mission in Kurukshetra;—so Buddha, born at Kapilavāstu, had his mission in Kikata. This land of

¹ [Cf. Waddell: "Discovery of Buddhist Remains at Mount Uren in Monghyr district, and Identification of the site with a celebrated Hermitage of Buddha." (Journal of Asiatic Society, Bengal, 1893, Vol. LXI, p. 1-24)].

² "Sakya spent his whole life in diffusing his doctrines, -he seems never to have formally embodied his followers into a sect."—Scenes in India (Oriental Annual) 1835, p. 240. Buddha. followed a liberal and enlightened policy in preaching his doctrines. He never entered into anything that seemed like a religious disputation and did not oppose those who opposed him. His method was the method of persuasion and tolerance. He admitted into his order even those who differed from him. It is well-known that he allowed a sect called the Sthaviras to grow up within his system and respected their teachings as well as their teacher, whom he called Sthavira Subhuti. (See N.) Subhadra, Bhiksu whom he initiated into his doctrines, was an opponent of him up to the end of his days. It is even known that Devadatta, one of his disciples living with him, was so much opposed to him in theory and practice that he even made attempts on the life of his master, who always would, forgive and put up with him. (See p. 16 above).

the proper name for the province which subsequently came to be called Bihar.¹

This erroneous supposition is also partly due to travellers' tales relating to the village of Gaya in Tibet (perhaps somewhere in the Gyantse region of Tibet). This Tibetan village of Gaya was hostile to the interests of the Lamas and Chinese; and this hostility produced the notion that it was a Hindu habitation under Buddhist sway,—which notion brought about, by confusion, the supposition that the Indian Gaya was once under the sway of Foreign Buddhists, especially as both the Gayas resembled each other in their castle-like buildings.

[·] ¹ Lalita Vistara Ch. 25; Mahabharata, Bhismaparva: 11-36; Vishnu Purana: 2-4-69; Samba Purana: 16-87 to 88; Padma Purana, Swargakhanda, Ch. 8, verses 33 to 34. (See N).

[[]See the St. Petersburg Dictionary, s. v. Maga (and Mriga); and cf. Wilford: "Asiatic Researches," Vol. IX, p. 32].

² "Huc's Travels": Book II, Ch. 9, pp. 282-284.

³ Gandhola was the old Indian title of the Buddha-Gaya Temple. At Gyantse in Tibet is a Gandhola which is a model of the Buddha-Gaya Temple transplanted to Tibet. See Waddell: "Lhasa and its Mysteries", p. 229 (cf. O'Malley: "Gaya," p. 52, note). An exact model of the Great Temple exists in Burma also. The Bawdi Paya at Pagan in Burma takes its name from the Bodhitree at Buddha-Gaya, and is an exact reproduction of the Great Temple of Buddha-Gaya. (Ferrars: "Burma," 2nd Ed., p. 33).

CONCLUSION.

The Buddhists a sect of Hindus ejected by them.

The original Religion of Buddha was thus part and parcel of the orthodox Hindu system based upon the World-old Religion (Sanatana Dharma) of the Vedas: Nay, more than that, the Hindu Scriptures themselves say: "Those who understand the Vedas will see that of all the religions which have their roots in the Vedas, the religion mixed up with the Tantric form of the worship of Buddha is the one which

Evidences Buddhism having been originally incorporated in Hinduism :-

surpasses the others in excellence." It would appear that the original worship of Buddha was an idolatrous Tantric worship of his image with repetitions of incantations to him, carried on by a sect of Hindus specially devoted to him,2 having points of

¹ Suta Samhita: 4-20-16. (See N). Cf. La Vallée Poussin: "On the authority of Buddhist Agamas." (Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society, London, 1902, p. 374 ff).

² Cf. Burney: "Discovery of Buddhist images with Deva-nagari inscriptions at Tagoung, the ancient capital of the Burmese Empire.' (Journal, Asiatic Society of Bengal, 1836, Vol. V, p. 157 ff). Even in the present times, the worship of Buddha as carried on in foreign countries bears a close resemblance to the Hindu methods of worship which strikes the minds of travellers. "The walls of the (Buddhist) temples (at Pekin) were covered with Sanskrit inscriptions and pictures of mythological subjects...... The whole ceremony possessed a good deal of similarity to the performance of our Hindu ritual."-Maharaja Sir Jagatjit Singh of Kapurthala in his "Travels in China, etc.," p. 34-35. See Crawfurd's remarks on the purely Indian character of all the great sculptural and architectural monuments of Buddhism in Java. Also Barrow's remarks to the same effect in his Travels in China. Numberless Buddhist remains have been mistaken for Brahmanical. by antiquaries and even by the natives. See Oriental Quarterly Magazine, No. XVI, pp. 218-222. (Quoted from Hodgson's Essays, p. 67).

e.g., "Om Mani Padmè Hum," etc.), by its acknowledging the efficacy of amulets (called Kavachas by the Hindu Tantriks), and by its constant association with the worship of the goddess Tārā, one of the leading deities of the Tantras of the Hindus.¹

The Hinduistic origin of Buddhism is decidedly proved by some of the images of Buddha (1)—External having the Bara (boon) and the Abhaya (no-fear) in the two hands,²—a design

Hindus,—and, like the Hindus, worship it in the female form of personification. This is the goddess Tārā, also called Kāli by Hindus,—the Kurukullā of Buddhists and Hindus alike. (See Jaske's Tibetan Dictionary, p. 3; and Āgamavāgisha's Tantrasāra, the chapter on Shyāmāpujā). Most of the Buddhist Temples have some vestiges of Tārā also. This took rise, most probably, from Buddha's hymn to Transcendental and Infinite Wisdom which he personified as a goddess, "Bhagavati Prajnā Pāramitā-amitā." (See the Introduction to the Astasahasrika). (See N). Tārā, holding the lotus (padma or utpala flower), is no other than the Hindu goddess of that name and description. Bodhidharma, Asanga, etc., who introduced Buddhism into China and other lands, were Hindus, as is proved by the three horizontal lines on the forehead depicted in all their images.

[[]Cf. Tārā Tantra which is a Buddhistic work, and Sragdharā-Stotra, which is a Buddhist hymn to Tārā. See also Blonay's "Buddhique Tara;" and Waddell: "Tara" (Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society, 1894, p. 63). As for the "Mani Padmè" formula, see Francke:—"The meaning of the 'Om mani padmè hum' formula" (Journal, Royal Asiatic Society, 1915, p. 397-404); see also Monier Williams: "Buddhism," p. 373 (note); Koeppen's note, "Brahmanism and Hinduism," p. 33; Knight's "Cashmere and Thibet," p. 369. As for the amulets, see Carte: "Notice of amulets in use by Buddhists"; also Csoma's Remarks on the above. (Journal of the Asiatic Society, Bengal, 1840, Vol. IX, p. 904 ff).]

² Agni Purana: 49-8. (See N).

The temples to Buddha were mostly erected by the Brahmanical followers of Buddha, the expenses being borne by kings of the same type. All the authorities concur in saying that the Great Temple at Buddha-Gaya was erected by a Brahmana, perhaps by Amaradeva, about the year 300 A.D.¹ That Brahmanical kings worshipped Buddha is proved by the fact that the coins of the Yaudheya kings of India have a Brahmanical inscription on one side and the images of the Chaitya and the Bodhi-tree on the other.² These coins, also, belong to the period about 300 A.D.;³—whence it seems probable that Amaradeva erected the Great Temple through the munificence of his royal patrons.

Apart from these external evidences got from comparative researches, there are stronger proofs for the point at issue,—proofs furnished by a critical study of the Religion itself. To any one who makes even a

¹ Ferguson: "History of Architecture," Vol. I, p. 77; Cunningham: "Mahābodhi," p. 21; Rajendralala Mitra: "Buddha-Gaya," p. 243.

Amaradeva, the Brahmana, has been wrongly taken by some to be Amara Singha, the author of Amarakosha, another devotee of Buddha, who was a Kshatriya (and a Hindu as well).

² Cunningham: "Coins of Ancient India," pp. 75 to 78 (and Plate 6, Figure 9). The inscription reads: "Bhagavato Swāmino Brāhmana Yaudheya." (See N). The word Chaitya means the Buddha's place of worship. (See p. 10, above).

³ Cunningham: "Coins of Ancient India," p. 76.

Hinduism, especially into the then existing Hindu asceticism and priestcraft: but he never undertook to change the whole face of that religion. Beyond his own province of reformation. Buddha retained everything of Hinduism, not only by the consent implied in his silence and want of criticism, but also by the open method of quotations and references to the Hindu -Scriptures as his authority.2 Buddha, therefore, did not ignore those vital questions of religion, but meant them to be retained just as they are in the main religion of the Hindus to which he himself belonged. It is well known, too, that Buddha gave preference to Brahmanas and Kshatriyas among his disciples,3 and that he confirmed the sacramental character of marriage and disapproved of widow-marriages and promiscuous marriages. All these, undoubtedly, bear testimony to his propagation of true Hinduism.

¹ The Hindu ascetics of those days were the followers of Dattātreya, the Gymnosophists or naked philosophers of the Greek invaders under Alexander the Great. It is in reference to them that Buddha says, "Not nakedness nor platted hair can purify a mortal who has not overcome desires." (Dhammapada 10-13). His opposition to Brahmanism (or priestcraft) is brought out in the Brāhmanavarga of Dhammapada, while the term "Bho Gautama" with which he was accosted derisively by the Brahmans evidently shows their hostility to him.

² See above, p. 17 ff.

³ See the Sutta Nipat 2-7. Cf. Coppleston: "Buddhism," 2nd Ed., p. 141; and Rhys Davids: "Buddhism," 2nd Ed., p. 84.

degenerate condition was thus ejected by Hindus, yet Buddha has never vacated the throne which he still continues to occupy in the hearts of all the Hindus, nay, of all humanity. Buddha sat enthroned in the heart of Sankarāchārya who caused all the true followers of Buddha to give up their sectarian denominations and return again to the World-old Religion of yore. Afterwards Buddhism was newly

¹ Cf. Rhys Davids,—"Buddhism," p. 85.

² Compare Sankarāchārya's own declaration in his Dasāvatārastotram (or hymn to the Ten Incarnations):—"The Buddha, the Prince of Yogins, the living Buddha, dwells in the centre of my heart." (See N).

³ It is pretty certain that Sankarāchārya persuaded most of the Sramanas to become Sannyasins, and caused the Viharas to relapse into Mathas. In this way the original Buddhism became absorbed into Hinduism, and the nominal sect of the Buddhists vanished from India. Even now many of the tenets of the original Buddhism may be found promulgated in the various sects of the Hindu Vaishnavas, who worship Buddha also in their worship of Vishnu and his ten incarnations. "Vaishnavism clearly reflects the influence of Buddhism. The most important shrines of the Vaishnavas of Bengal are in the keeping of the Brahmans who are themselves strict Sāktas." (Census of India, 1901, Vol. I, Pt. I, p. 361). Cf. Stevenson: "On the intermixture of Buddhism with Brahmanism in the Religion of the Hindus of the Dekkan." (Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society, London, 1843; Vol. VII). The ten incarnations including Buddha are worshipped in Cooch Bihar, Nepal, Kashmir, etc. The "Nepal Mahatmya" even says that to worship Buddha is to worship Siva. . . .

portions of the Vedas themselves and by the Bhagavad-Gita; and, after him, also by Sankarāchārya himself. Therefore, if these last mentioned are not to be regarded as heterodox, Buddha alone cannot be so regarded for a fault which was common to them all. The fact is that orthodox Hindus never forgive anyone who presume to contradict anything of the Vedas, and hence there are passages in the Hindu writings themselves against Sankarāchārya himself. The following occurs in the Padma-Purana. "The great doctrine of $M\bar{a}y\bar{a}$ (that is Sankara's Philosophy) appears to be an interpretation of the Vedas but really is

¹ Mundaka Upanishad: 1-2 (the whole chapter); Gough: "Philosophy of the Upanishads," p. 102; Bhagavad-Gita, 2-42 ff. (See N).

² Sankara's mission, as exhibited in the Sankara Vijaya, was to substitute asceticism for ritualism. His chief contention was not with the Buddhists, as is wrongly supposed by many, but with Mandana Misra, the chief advocate of the Ritualistic Philosophy of that time, whom he defeated in argument and converted into his own views. As for the Buddhists, they were, on the whole, representatives of asceticism; and Sankara found no difficulty in converting them. His dispute with the Buddhists was only with a sect of them who stood in his way and who rather misrepresented the original teachings of the Buddha.

³ See Jaya Chandra Sarma's Article on Buddhism in the Sahitya Samhita, 1309 (Bengal Year), No. 9-10.

Hindus.¹ And authorities, too, concur in this as well as in all the other points detailed above, as shown below.

inference from the literature of a later

Authorities
quoted:
—Dr. Smith

against the old religion. The doctrines
were rather the outgrowth² of those of certain Brahmanical schools. His especial concern was salvation
from sorrow. It passed away in India not from
Brahmana persecution but rather from internal causes,

¹ In an inscription of the tenth century, it is distinctly stated, that a Buddhapada or Buddha's foot was set up at Buddha-Gaya expressly for the purpose of performing thereon the Hindu rite of Srāddha. (See Charles Wilkins's translation of the Inscription,—Asiatic Researches, Vol. I, p. 284). Whatever may be the real date of this inscription, it undoubtedly proves that Hindus had never ejected Buddha from the pale of their Vedic Religion, and, consequently, that Buddha himself was strictly a follower of the Vedic Religion. "Had pure Vedism been the faith of the people, there would have been little need for a Buddha."—Sewell: "Early Buddhist Symbolism" (Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society, London, 1886, p. 365).

² Cf. "The marks of its derivative character are stamped on every portion both of its faith and practice;—its creed can be deduced from Brahminism by logical sequence."—Scenes in India, (or Oriental Annual), for 1835, p. 236.

them with positive denial of the soul in the face of their declarations of future retribution.¹ The sceptic, they say, will be born in hell or as a beast. The wise man will be born in a Devaloka or as a man.² As to their reviling of the Veda, it would be more correct to say that they ignore rather than revile, its contents."³

"Buddha himself as represented to us in the canonical writings of the Buddhists shows no hostility to —Max Muller. the Brahmans in general nor does he seem to be fond of arguing against Brahmanism. Though Buddhism is a reaction against Brahmanism, there is an unbroken continuity between the two. Buddha does not argue against the Vedic gods. He tolerated them in that subordinate capacity in which they were tolerated by the authors of the Upanishads."

¹ The final unification of consciousness with will is a state of perpetual peace or Nirvana which is the Buddhist's immortality. Cf. Bigelow: "Buddhism and Immortality" (Ingersoll Lecture, 1908); also cf. Paul Carus: "Karma and Nirvana. Are the Buddhist doctrines nihilistic?" (Monist, Vol. IV, 1893-94, p. 417-439. Chicago). Cf. Sen: "Buddhism and Vedantism,—a Parallel" (Journal of the Bihar and Orissa Research Society, 1918, Vol. IV, p. 141 ff).

² Cf. the Chhandogya Upanishad: 5-10-7. (See N).

³ Rev. Dr. K. M. Banerji, LL.D.,—"Dialogues, on Hindu Philosophy," Dialogue 5.

⁴ Max Muller: "Collected Lectures," Lecture 3, pp. 94-95. In-his earlier works, the scholar had not come to this conclusion. (See N).

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found that deliverance in self-culture and self-discipline.

He busied himself little with metaphysical speculations as to the origin of evil and of sorrow. What he desired was to make it possible for man to rise superior to the delusions and the desires that produced this evil and this sorrow.

"Buddha and his doctrines suffered defeat, and that, all along the line. It is true that no moral system, no religious doctrine, no philosophic theory can remain for long as pure as it was at its source. Accretions from the outside are added to changes from within, so that its latter view is very different from its former aspect. But nowhere has that change been more complete than it has in Buddhism. The Buddha had been cryptically silent in regard to the Super-sensual side of faith: he had affected to ignore it as being in no connection with his own teachings, and as unnecessary to furnish the basis for his system of ethics. Yet, human nature refused to be cheated of its longings. felt in Asia—as it has always felt—that the call to a moral, life sounds hollow and vain unless it is fortified by some authority that is extra-(or rather, supra-)

¹ For the true explanation of this silence, see above, p. 50.

incompatible then. We hear of no persecutions till long after the time of Asoka, when Buddhism had become corrupt; and Buddhism grew and flourished side by side with the orthodox belief. So far from showing how depraved and oppressive Hinduism was, it shows precisely the contrary. Gautama's whole training lay indeed outside of the ritualistic lore. His teachers had renounced the sacrifices. He was the greatest, and wisest, and best of that long line of reformers who have endeavoured to infuse new strength into the religious life of India."

"Buddhism has developed into contradictory systems in different countries, while in —Elizabeth India it changed greatly even during the first ten years of its existence. The Buddhists are indebted to Brahmans for almost all of their speculations and even in the choice of names, such as Dharma, Nirvāna, etc. As pointed out by Dr. Weber the word "Buddha" (or Prati-buddha) in the sense of a man who had attained to perfect knowledge of Self, first occurs in the Satapatha Brahmana of the Vedic literature (14-7-2-17). Gautama's adherence to

¹ Rhys Davids: "Buddhism (Non-Christian Systems)," p., 83-85.

² Cf. Brihadaranyaka Upanishad: 4-4-13. (See N)

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doing so, Buddha did not deny the existence of the Godhead, but only relegated it to the domain of the unknown.1 Hence it has been said: -Gough. "Buddhism is the Philosophy of the Upanishads with the Brahman left out." Moreover. escape from sorrow was according to him the problem of life,3 and he found its complete solution in the moral system which he founded upon the Doctrine of Desirelessness4 without raising the problem of God. And this, precisely, is the position taken up by the Yoga-Vāsistha Mahārāmāyana of the Hindus which purports to be the teachings of the Vedic Rishi named Vasistha imparted to his royal pupil, Rāma, the grandpredecessor of Buddha in the line of the Avatāras. As one of the writers on this point says: —Viharilala "The resemblance between the teachings Mitra.

of the Yoga-Vasistha and those of Buddha is so close that even the Buddhists are led to

¹ As a specimen of Buddha's Agnosticism, see the Tevigga (Trivijna) Sutta (in the Buddhist Suttas translated by Rhys Davids). [Cf. Costa:-" Buddhism, an agnostic religion." ("Buddhism": Rangoon, 1905, Vol. II, p. 79)].

² Gough: "Philosophy of the Upanishads," p. 187.

^{3 &}quot;Buddha set himself the task of solving the mystery of life in order to find the Way of escape from continual Becomings, which was clearly involved in Misery."-Waddell: "Buddha's Secret" (Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society, London, 1894, p. 372).

^{• 4} In Buddhism, Tanhā (Trishnā or thirst) is the name of desire.

and that this alone is not only the worthiest homage due to Buddha, but also is the worship of him in the form most desired by him and, therefore, most acceptable to him.¹ This lands us at once on the ground of the World-old Religion of the Vedas and its prescribed duty. (See Introduction above). For, of all the duties of human life, the duty of stepping into the next higher stage of evolution is the highest, the most ancient, original and universal, as well as the most incumbent on mankind, inasmuch as it is productive of the greatest good and includes all the other duties within itself.²

Thus it has been established that Buddhism, as part and parcel of Hinduism, came out from the World-old Religion of the Vedas and into it returned.³

May this be acceptable to the Buddha as the unmeaning prattle of a child to its mother.

Dedicated to my Buddhist brothers all over the world.

Written at Buddha-Gaya and laid at the Master's feet on the eleventh day of November, 1922 A.D.

YOGIRAJA'S DISCIPLE MAITREYA.

¹ Mahaparinirvana Sutra, Ch. 5, § 6. (See N).

² The Black Yajur-Veda 1-5-10-2; Taittiriya Brahmana 2-4-3-3. Cf. the Mahābhārata: Rajadhama, 8-37; 60-52. Cf. Sankarāchārya's last advice to his disciples: "Always study the Vedas and carefully perform the one duty enjoined by them,"—(in the Sādhana-panchaka). The subject has been fully discussed in a separate work entitled "The First Book of the Upanishads." (See N).

³ Journal of Bihar and Orissa Research Society, Vol. IV, p. 143.

APPENDIX.

[What follows is a subsequent addition the fitness of which may be judged after reading the Postscript on pp. 148—160.]

The Doctrine of Ahinsa or Non-hate in Buddhism.1

The word "Hinsā" signifies the slaughter of a living being. To slay requires an unsympathetic attitude of mind towards the victim, and this, in positive term, is called hatred. "Hinsā," therefore, means hatred,—that narrow mood of mind habitual to vulgar people who take for dead all whom they do not like. Hence its opposite, "Ahinsā," means non-hate,—absence of hatred: that is, in positive term, sympathy or love. (Schopenhauer: "Ueber das Fundament der Moral," § 18.)3

It has been held by some that absence of hatred is the height of religion (Ahinsā paramo dharma),⁴ inasmuch as it promotes love which is the power of uniting the individual souls with one another, the power of restoring the lost Paradise. Others have maintained that hatred has its undeniable raison d'etre

¹ This has reference to pp. 18-19 above (and to the foot-notes therein).

² See James: "Principles of Psychology," Vol. I, p. 312.

³ Cf. Weber's "History of Philosophy," p. 553.

⁴ Mahābhārata: I-II-I3.

the chief factor in the process of the withdrawing of the many individual souls into the one Supreme Soul, the Original Cause, the Godhead of creation. Further, it is a fact of common experience that hatred retards the natural development of both the mind and body of the hater, while love makes them both bloom forth in their natural splendour in the lover. Hatred is like a fiercely burning fire, which makes heated, it is true, all who happen to come near it, but consumes the very heart and core of the thing wherein it rages. Love, on the other hand, is like the cool moonshine which illumines but scorches not,—"a luminary which shines all the brighter for the darkness which surrounds it,-the light which lightens every man that cometh upon Earth". Truly, hatred is the canker of the human breast, the underminer of health, beauty and happiness,—an insane delirium in itself. As one who, taking a fancy to see some one object in the colour of red wears a pair of red glasses, must perforce see all objects in that colour: so the mind that entertains hatred towards an enemy cultivates bitterness towards the whole universe. To this culture of hatred there is no antidote except the practice of love; and the practice of love, if it is to end in universal love, must begin with love to an enemy. The old teaching that hatred will be quenched

¹ Cf. Vidyaranya Swamin: Jivanmukti-Vivek Ch. 2. (See N).

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love must be invoked to play its part. Viewed in this light the practice of love,—religion in its truest sense,—is higher than the teachings of philosophy; and the rule of "Ahinsā," or unconditional and absolute forgiveness, higher than all the austere laws of morality.1

The Doctrine of "Ahinsā" (non-hate) or "Viswaprema" (universal love), is the highest teaching of all the religious teachers of the world.²

The doctrine is Vedic in its origin and Buddhist in its perfection.

Buddha is sometimes wrongly supposed to have been the original propounder of this doctrine, which, in its turn, has therefore been wrongly supposed to have

been anti-Vedic in its origin and significance. In fact, however, it existed in the World-old Religion of the Vedas from time immemorial.³ But, undoubtedly, the best expression has been given to it by the Founder of Buddhism who based his love on complete self-sacrifice.

¹ Mahābhārata, Udyogaparva 33-48ff; and Dronaparva 198-59. (See N). Cf. Pascal: "The interval which is infinite between body and mind represents the infinitely more infinite distance between intellect and charity." (Cf. Adams: "Secret of Success", p. 222).

² Cf. Laotzu: "Requite injury with kindness"; and Christ: "Love your enemies."—(Legge: Texts of Taoism," Vol. I, p. 92; and Bible: Matthew, v. 44). [Cf. Smith: "The Christian and Buddhist conceptions of love" (Buddhist Review, London: 1909, Vol. I)].

³ See above, p. 19 and notes thereon. Cf. Rig Veda 6-48-10; Sama-Veda 2-974; the Isavasya Upanishad,—6. (See N). The term "Ahinsā" occurs also in the Yoga Sutras of Patanjali, 2nd Pāda, 30th Sutra. For Morality in Buddhism and Vedanta, see Paul Dahlke's "Buddhist Essays," translated by Bhikshu Silachara, p. 148.

stands in need of forgiveness and restoration to love,
—of that mercy by which it lives and for which it cannot
but make the way. So the greatest of the world's
poets also has sung: "The quality of mercy is not
strained. It is twice blessed; it blesseth him that gives
and him that takes. It is an attribute to God Himself;
and earthly power doth then show likest God's when
mercy seasons justice." The discovery of the way
to this kingdom of love and the establishment of it
within one's self is one of the highest achievements of
man's genius and free-will in combination. This is the
perfect way, the finding of Buddha, the finding of Christ,
the finding, in short, of the Divine in the human.

And herein does Philosophy join hands with Religion,—producing its own logical reasons to support the dogmatic command of the latter to love one's enemies. For, if life is understood to be no more than a self-created dream, then one should naturally cease to hate the enemy he has created unto himself; but if life is to be taken as real and earnest, then one should by all means preserve himself from hatred, which is the

¹ Shakespeare: Merchant of Venice (Act, iv, sc. 2, l. 184 ff).

² This is the teaching of the Upanishads. (Cf. Isavasya Upan. 6). Shakespeare makes a near approach to it when he says:—

[&]quot;If we shadows have offended Think but this, and all is mended, That you have but slumbered here While these visions did appear. And this weak and idle theme No more yielding but a dream," etc.

⁻⁽A Midsummer Night's Dream: 5-254

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NOTES.

Page 1. (Introduction).

Note 1. Buddha-charita of Aswaghosa, 1-1:—
स्त्रियं पराद्धीं विदयदिधाद्धजित्
तमो निरस्यन्निभूतभानुस्त्।
नुदन्निदाघं जितचारुचन्द्रमाः
स वन्द्यतेऽईतिह यस्य नोपमा ॥

Note 2. Sully's Human Mind, Vol. II, Appendix, p. 369:—

"Both the mental and the materialare conjoint attributes of one and the same substance."

Green's Prolegomena to Ethics, Article 33:—
"Our conception of an order of nature,
and the relations which form that order,
have a common spiritual source."

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Note I. Brihadaranyaka Upanishad, 4-5-6:—
"चात्मा वा चरे द्रद्यः श्रोतयो मन्तयो निरिधास्तितयः।"

imagination (Druj, *lit*. deceit) inherent in it, which is the Will or creative power of the spirit.

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Note 2. The Taittiriya Upanishad (2-8) mentions, among others, the following classes of gods, viz., Gandharvas, Pitris, the Ājānajas, the Karma-devas, the Devas proper, etc.

And the Brihadaranyaka Upanishad, 4-3-33, mentions (among others) the Jitaloka-devas, the Brahmaloka-devas, etc.

The Bible (Daniel vii, 10 ff.):-

"....The Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was white as snow....Thousand thousands ministered unto him and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him."

The Koran references:-

Surah 13-12: "Each hath a succession of Angels before him and behind him, who watch over him by God's behest."

Surah 16-2: "By His own behest will He cause the Angels to descend with the Spirit on whom he pleaseth among his servants."

Surah 35-1: "Praise be to God, Maker

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The same, Santiparva, 327-50:—

" स्तव्यर्थिम इ देवानां वेदाः स्ट्याः स्वयंभुवा ॥"

Purport:—The religious sentiment has evolved from the knowledge of the existence of higher spheres first revealed by the Sacred Fire.

Note 2. The Bible references:—

Fire is the symbol of the Deity in the Bible. God appeared to Moses in Fire at the burning bush, and on Mount Sinai. (Exodus iii, 2; xix, 18).

"And there came a fire out before the Lord and consumed upon the altar the burnt-offering and the fat; which when all the people saw they shouted and fell on their faces." (Leviticus ix, 23–24).

"We have heard his voice out of the midst of the fire: we have seen this day that God doth talk with man." (Deuteronomy v, 25).

It was the "hallowed fire" so originated which was kept up without ever being extinguished as the only fire for purposes of devotion, so long as the worship of the Tabernacle was faithfully maintained. (Leviticus vi, 12–13).

The belief in the affinity of spirits to fire is prevalent among the Europeans also. See Frazer's Golden Bough, Vol. II, p. 232.]

Mahabharata, Banaparva, 261-13:—

"तैजसानि प्रारीराणि भवन्यत्रीपपद्यताम्। etc., The context will show that it refers to the gods, and speaks of them as having fiery bodies, with super-human attributes.

Aniruddha's commentary on the Sankhya

Philosophy (5-112):—

"सूर्व्यादिलोने तैजसः ग्रहीरः।"

Rig Veda, 9-113-4:—

"लोका यत्र ज्योतिश्रनः।"

(Cf. Sariraka Bhasya, 1-2-24: " अभिश्रहीरा वा देवाः ").

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Note 1. Rig Veda, 1-1-2:-

"स देवाँ एच वच्चति।"

The same, 1-12-1:--

"अमिं दूतं रुणीमहे।"

(Also in Sama Veda, 1-3; White Yajur Veda, 22-17; Black Yajur Veda, 2-5-8-5;

Atharva Veda, 20-101-1).

The same, 1-22-10:— "आ या अप इहावमे होत्रां यविषठ भारतीम्। वरूतीं धिषणां वष्ट ॥"

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Atharva Veda, 3-12-8:---

"पूर्णं नारि प्र भर कुम्भमेतं वृतस्य घारामस्तेन संस्ताम्।"

Rig Veda, 4-58-5 to 8:—

" एता अर्थेन्ति... भूतब्रजाः... पृतस्य धाराः।"

" एते चर्षन्यर्मयो एतस्य स्गा इव।"

" प्टतस्य धाराः...भिन्द्रमभिः पिन्वमानः।"

" अभि प्रवन्त समनेव योषाः...असिं प्रतस्य धाराः।"

Purport:—A continuous flow of drops of melted butter was kept up above the Sacred Fire; the height was regulated by the length of a series of one hundred drops (5); the drops kept chasing one another like deer flying from the archer (6); the drops kept gushing out and looked bigger as they descended (7); the drops pressed down the flame of the fire as a loving wife, with her face smiling upon her husband, presses him down.

This method of feeding the fire is known to other Religions also. *Cf.* The Magus, by Barrett, Book 2, Part 2, p. 87: "The two olive trees distilling holy oil into the lamps that burn before the face of God, mentioned in Revelations." (Bible: Zechariah iv, 3, 11–14; Revelation xi, 3, 4).

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cow's butter. See Mahabharata, 229-27; and cf. Rig Veda, 10-5-7:—

"असच सच परमे थोमन् दत्तस्य जन्मन् खदितेरूपस्थे। अधिर्घं नः प्रथमजा ऋतस्य पूर्वे खायुनि रुषभच्च घेतुः॥" Also, "उपेदमुपपर्चनमासु गोषूप एचताम्। उप ऋषभस्य रेतसि उपेन्द्र तव वौर्ये॥" Rig Veda, 6-28-8.

Note 1. The following is a specimen of a comparative study of the Bible and the Rig Veda.

The Bible says:—

"And it shall come to pass in that day, that a man shall nourish a young cow, and two sheep; it shall come to pass, for the abundance of milk that they shall give he shall eat butter."

"And an high way shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called the way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; the way-faring men, though fools, shall not err therein. They shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away." (Isaiah vii, 21-22, and xxxv. 8-10).

With this compare the Rig Veda:—

"Do not slay the innocent cow who is so liberal in giving her milk." "Her

prohibition of the slaughter of cows (Rig Veda, 8-101-15); the eating of butter in the Bible (Isaiah vii, 21) corresponds to the partaking of the residuary portion of the butter-libation in the Vedas (Mahabharata, Anusasanaparva, 97-7; Bhagavadgita, Ch. 3, 10 to 16, 20 to 21). Indeed, the analogy is so close that one is tempted to fancy that even the protection accorded by the Bible to the sheep (Isaiah vii, 21) corresponds to the injunctions given in the Vedic Religion to sit on fabrics made purely of sheep's wool while doing any act of devotion.

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Note 2. Some have supposed that the real name of the Buddha was Samantabhadra. The Amarakosha gives it as a synonym of Buddha (1-1-1-8). It is further supposed that the original image of Buddha, over which the Temple was afterwards erected, was made by some descendant of Buddha who came in succession to him to the throne of the Kingdom of Kapilavāstu. "It would appear from the tenour that Jaya Sen (Jaya Singha) and Kumara Sen (Kumara Singha), sons of Punyabhadra,

and grades of gods are also spoken of. (P. 154 of the Buddhist Suttas).

Note 3. The Vedas require continuous libations of Ghrita to the fire; the Tantras fix the libations to one-tenth of the number of incantations. Both the Vedas and Tantras are for the invocation of the Devas.

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- Note 3. Satasahasrika-Prajnāpāramitā:—

"एवं दानं दत्त्वा च्याचियमहाभ्यालकुलेषूपपद्यते। एवं दानं दत्त्वा ब्राह्मणमहाभ्यालकुलेषूपपद्यते।"—— (quoted by Khunnilal Sastri in his Buddhāstikatā-Vichāra). (This portion of the Satasahasrika has not yet appeared in print).

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Note 1. Satasahasrika-Prajnāpāramitā, Ch. 10, p. 1460:—

"न जातु नौचकुलेषूपपद्यते। इदं नोधिसत्त्वस्य मचासत्त्वस्य मानक्तस्थनिर्घातनपरिकक्ता।"

The same, Ch. 10, p. 1471:-

"वोधिसत्त्वो महासत्त्वो महाकुलेषु प्रवाजायते। ... च्याचियमहाश्यालकुलेषु वा ब्राह्मणमहाश्यालकुलेषु वा [P. 10 (cont.)]

The Pali Text:-

" अको धेन जिने को धं।"

(Dhammapada, 17-3).

[Sans.—अन्नोधेन जयेत् न्नोधम्।]

Again:-

"नि वेरेस वेरासि सम्मन्तीध कुदाचनं।

अवेरेण च सम्मन्ति एस धम्मो सनातनो ॥"

(Dhammapada, 1-5).

[Sans.—न हि वैरेण वैराणि प्राम्यन्तीह कदाचन। अवैरेण च प्राम्यन्ति एव धर्मः सनातनः ॥]

Note 3. Buddhist Suttas, p. 91:—

"Don't speak to women. If they speak to you, keep wide awake."

It may be remarked here that the high tone of morality preached by Buddha led to changes in the Architecture of the time. In those days there was a current belief that the pure-minded god of thunder detested to approach obscene things and therefore the most objectionable images were put on all sides of high temples to prevent lightning fall. This was a device to serve for the lightning-conductor which was as yet unknown. Buddhism substituted Vajrāsana, a large magic disc of stone intended for the thunder to alight upon.

the world of petas, i.e. ghosts or spirits." (Sir Charles Eliot: Hinduism and Buddhism, Vol. 1, p. 338).

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Note I. Buddha-charita of Aswaghosha, 12-102 ff :-"खख्यप्रसन्नमनसः समाधिरुपपद्यते।

समाधियुक्तचित्तस्य ध्यानयोगः प्रवर्तते ॥
ध्यानप्रवर्त्तनाद्धर्माः प्राप्यन्ते वैश्वाप्यते ।

दुर्लभं भानतमजरं परं तदस्तं पदम्॥"

Purport: -When the mind has come to rest, then, and only then, does a man discover the path to immortality through yoga (dhyāna).

Note 2. Jataka-sasthi Puja:-

"धानासीनो महायोगी दीर्घायुर्भुखमुख्डितः।"

Vayu Purana, 18-28:-

" बुद्धरूपं समास्याय योगमार्गे व्यवस्थितः।"

Note 3. Sankaracharya's Dasāvatāra Stotra, verse 9, line 2:—

"कलो योगिनां चन्नवत्तीं।"

Note 5. Bhagavadgita, 4-5:—
"बद्धनि मे व्यतीतानि जन्मानि तव चार्जुन।

ताना इं नेद सर्वाणि न लं नेत्य परन्तप ॥"

Note 4. The Astasahasrika begins thus:—

"ॐ नमो भगवत्वे खार्थप्रज्ञापारिमताये।"

" निर्विकल्पे नमस्तुभ्यं प्रज्ञापार्मितेऽमिते ॥"

"वज्ररूपा लमेवैका नानानामभिरौद्यसे।"

The last (or verse 9) is the doctrine of the Upanishads as to how the One becomes the Many by assuming various forms and names through Māyā (or dream-like delusion). *Cf.* "Every Buddha assembling his disciples instructs them how from unity thou (Prajnā) becomest multiformed and many-named." (Astasahasrika, quoted by Hodgson, p. 86 of his Essays).

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Note I. The Jnāna Sankalini Tantra, verse 54:—
"न धार्न धार्नामिलाज्ञधार्न ऋन्यातं मनः।"

Purport:—That is the true meditation in which the mind penetrates into the nothingness (Sunya, Maya) of things.

Note 2. If the term Nirvana means extinction, it must be taken to mean the extinction of desires, and never the extinction of the soul (see the Yoga Vasistha, Nirvānaprakarana) "One of the meanings attached to the Sanskrit word Nirvana is to extinguish; therefore many learned writers have advanced the theory that

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"As every man through ignorance creates his own world, his own sorrow, so also every man brings to pass through knowledge his own world-cessation, his own ending of sorrow, his own Nirvana." (Paul Dahlke: "Buddhist Essays," translated by Silacara, p. 85 and p. 88). "Nirvana implies 'what is no more agitated,' 'what is in a perfect calm." (See Fytche: "Burma," Vol. 2, p. 173, foot-note). This state has been compared to a steady, unflickering light. The soul which was being driven from birth to rebirth owing to its being swayed by desires, now stands calm and self-possessed, being at last freed from all desires.

In the Iti-vuttaka, Buddha says: "Those who are good-minded, prudent and contemplative, who rightly discern the Law, nor look upon lusts, these are not destined to decrease even in the presence of Nirvana" (quoted by Nixon in his "Knowledge of the Buddha").

"To Buddha himself and to his immediate disciples, it is now nearly certain that Nirvana meant, not the cessation of being, but its perfection." (Smith, Mohammed

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projected as something external. In like manner, when true awakening takes place in man, he cognizes the real body also as creation of the soul). When perfect realisation of this fact is attained by man, he is freed from all re-births in mortal shapes. The world being thus known to be a delusion, man reaches the state of perfect calm and desirelessness, becomes one with Brahma, the universal soul.

This is a purely Vedic teaching which the Buddha rehearses as his own creed. Elsewhere, in the Iti-vuttaka, the Buddha says: "When he (the perfect bhikshu) hath crossed over and gone to the other shore he standeth upon the dry land of Brahma." [Quoted by Nixon in his "Knowledge of the Buddha," Mahabodhi Journal, Vol. 31, p. 340.]

Note 3. Taittiriya Upanishad, 2-1:—

" ॐ व्रस्नुविदाप्नोति परम्।"

Swetaswatara Upanishad, 6-15:-

" तमेव विदित्वाऽतिम्हत्युमेति नान्यः प्रश्चा विद्यतेऽयनाय।"

The Hatha-yoga-pradipika, 4-35, 36, 37:—

" रक्तेव भाग्भवीमुद्रा ग्रुप्ता कुलवध्रवि ।"

Brahmana, 14-7-2-17, or Brihadaranyaka Upanishad, 4-4-13. (All this means only to say that this is his last birth, and that at his death he shall lapse into the Original Cause. This "yoga" should not be tried without proper guidance, as there is considerable risk of losing the sight by the strain on the eyes involved in it).

For the "stigmata" of St. Francis of Assisi and a picture of his vision of Jesus, see Bettany's World's Religions. It may be noticed here that the usual attitude of Jesus himself in his devotions, as exhibited in pictures, answers exactly to the Shāmbhavi Mudra of the yogins.

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Note 1. The Isavasya Upanishad, 11:-

" विद्यां चाविद्यां च यस्तदेदोभयं सह । स्वविद्यया मृखं तौर्त्वा विद्ययाऽम्टतमञ्जते ॥"

Purport:—He who practises both action and knowledge, first elevates himself above the mortal sphere through action, and then by virtue of his knowledge sticks to the immortal sphere and there makes further progress towards perfection. (The action is the Vedic Agnihotra, as pointed

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भूमेर्भारावताराय वासुदेवो जगत्यसुः। अवतारेट्टेषमृपैरवतीर्णो मच्चीतले ॥"

The same, 14-39:—

" क्रतादिषु चिषु चरिरवतीर्य मुद्धमं होम्। पाति रूपैर्न्टिसं हारीर्बुद्धः सोऽद्य कली स्थितः॥"

Garuda Purana, 86-10:-

"धर्मसंरच्चणार्थाय अधर्मादिविनछ्ये।
देव्यराच्चसनाणार्थं मत्यः पूर्वं यथाऽभवत्॥
कूर्म्मो वराच्चो टच्चरिवीमनो राम उर्ज्जितः।
यथा दाण्ररथी रामः क्षणो बुद्धोऽथ कल्कापि॥"

Baraha Purana, 4-3:-

"मत्यः कूर्मी वराह्य नरिसं होऽथ वामनः। रामो रामय सम्मय बुद्धः कल्की च ते दग्र॥ इत्येताः कथितास्तस्य मूर्तयो भूतधारिणि। दर्भनं प्राप्तमिच्छनां सोपानानि च ग्रोभने॥"

The same, 113-27:—

"मत्थः कूर्मी वराष्ट्र वार्सिष्टोऽय वामनः। रामो रामञ्च क्रयाञ्च बुद्धः कल्की महात्मवान्॥"

Nrisingha Purana, 36-29:-

"कलौ पाप्ते यथा बुद्धो भवेद्गारायगः प्रभुः।"

[Other references:--Agni Purana, 16-1; Bhagavata Purana, 6-8-17; Brihannāradiya Purana, 2-39; Garuda Purana, 1-149-39, 1-202-11; Garga Samhita, Aswamedha Khanda, 59-119, and Balabhadra Khanda, 12-25; Vayu Purana, 15-51, 9-19 (Ekalinga Mahatmya); Sankara Vijaya,

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the course of morality. At such times when daring to do the evil is counted as an act of merit, then an incarnation of God appears on the earth who pulls the thread which sets in motion the wheel of righteousness again. (Dharmachakrapravartana Sutra).

Bhagavata Purana, 1-3-28:-

" इन्द्रारियाकुलं लोकं म्डयन्ति युगे युगे।"

Garuda Purana, 1-149-39: --

"वासदेवः पुनर्वुद्धः सम्मोद्याय सुर्गदिधाम्
देवादिश्चाणार्थाय स्थर्भे हरणाय च॥"

The same, 86-10:—

"धर्मसंरत्त्रणार्थाय अधर्मादिविन्छ्ये:

दैत्यराच्यसनापार्थं बुद्धोऽयकान्कापि ॥"

[Other references:—Bhagavata Purana, 6-8-17; Garuda Purana, 202-11. Matsya Purana, 47-247, has been quoted above.]

Purport:—The authoritative Hindu Scriptures, in the texts cited above, declare that whenever the course of righteousness was perverted by the wicked. Narayana, the Supreme Spirit, descended on the earth in the form of an Avatara (incarnation) to set it right again, and that Buddha was such an Avatara with precisely the same function.

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Lankāvatāra Sutra:—the passage beginning with

> " रावगोऽहं दश्यीवो राचसेन्द्र इहागतः। अनुग्रह्माहि में लड्डां ये चास्मि प्रवासिनः॥ पवैरिप च सम्बद्धैः प्रत्यात्मगतिगौचर्म। शिखरे रत्नखित पुरमध्ये प्रकाशितम ॥"

Mention has been made there of a Buddha as well as of Purva-Buddhas.

[The Tara Tantra also makes mention of a Buddha in the time of Vasistha.]

List of Purva-Buddhas in p. 229 of the "Useful Tables" in Vol. 2 of Prinsep's "Antiquities":--

- (1) Vipasya.
- (5) Kanak Muni.
- (2) Sikhi.
- (6) Kasyapa, and
- (3) Viswa Bhu. (7) Sakya Sinha (the
- Purport:—The texts and references . cited above from both Hindu and Buddhist Scriptures, prove this that of the many Buddhas the one who is the chief object of worship among the Buddhists is the Avatara of the Hindus and, consequently, the chief object of worship among the latter also.

(4) Karkut Chand. present Buddha).

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Hemadri, Chaturvarga Chintamani, Brata-Khanda, Ch. 1 (p. 110 of Asiatic Society's Edition):—

"काषायवस्त्रसम्बीतः खान्धे संसक्तचीवरः।
पद्मासनस्यो दिसुजो ध्यायी बद्धः प्रकीर्त्तितः॥"

The same, Ch. 15 (p. 1038 of Asiatic Society S Edition):—

" बुद्धस्तु दिभुजः कार्यो ध्यानिस्तमितलोचनः . "

'|Other references: Bhavisya Purana, 2-73 (the passage beginning with "दणावतामा-नभ्यर्चेत् पुष्पपूपविलेपनेः"); Hemadri, Brata-Khanda, Ch. 15 ("स्थापनेत्तच सीवर्णं नृद्धं कला विचन्द्राणः." in the passage beginning with "स्वमेव श्रावणे मासि।").

Purport: The above are all texts from the Hindu Scriptures giving directions to Hindus to make idols of Buddha by which to promulgate his worship. It is worth remarking that all the images of Buddha which are worshipped by the Buddhists also, answer exactly to these directions given by the Hindu Scriptures.

Note 3. Suta Samhita, 4-3-21:

" बुद्धार्चतारिमार्गस्ये देवताप्रतिमास् च देवताबुद्धिमाचं यत्सोऽपि यज्ञः प्रकार्चितः। " circular marks, and is close-grained, is known as the symbol of Buddha. It being worshipped, the Buddha himself is worshipped, and the same result is attained in both cases. All this is meant for the Hindus by the Hindu Scriptures themselves.

[N.B. The above text is to be found in the Pranatoshini Tantra, in the fourth chapter of the fifth Kānda, where it is cited as a quotation from the Brahmanda Purana].

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Note 1 Original Text for wearing the Tilaka or mark on the forehead to indicate the Buddha's devotee among the Hindus.

वुद्धस्य पुण्ड्रधारणविधानम्।

Suta Samhita, Suta Gita, 8-34:—
"अश्वरापचसदृष्णं इरिचन्द्नेन

मध्ये ललाटमतिशोभनमादरेग । बुद्धागमे मुनिवरा यदि संस्कृतन्त्रे-

न्मुदारिणा सततमेव तु घारयेच ॥"

Purport:—If Hindu ascetics (Munis) are initiated (sanskrita) into the rites of Buddha's worship (Buddhāgama), they should, to indicate their sect, always wear a mark on the forehead resembling

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Note 2. Original Texts for Buddha's Prātah-smaranam or early morning salutation.

वुद्धस्य प्रातःसार्णविधानम्।

. Garuda Purana, 2-31-35 :-
"मत्यं शूमीं च वराहं नारसिंहं च वामनम् ।

रामं रामच कृषाच बुद्धचेव सकल्किनम ।

एतानि दश्नामानि सार्त्तेवानि मदा बुधैः॥"

Bhagavata Purana, 1-3-29:—
"जन्मं गुन्नं भगवती य एतत् प्रयती नरः।
सायं प्रातर्भगन् भन्ना दुःखग्रामादिमुच्यते॥"

Purport:—The Hindu Scriptures enjoin all the Hindus regularly to recollect the name and incarnation of Buddha as the first thing on waking up; and a great merit is awarded for this act.

Note 3. Original Texts for Buddha's Meditation.

बुद्धस्य धानविधानम्।

Agni Purana, 49-8:--

"शान्तात्मा लम्बन्धां य गौराङ्गयाम्बराग्रतः। जर्द्धपद्मस्थितो बुद्धो वरदाभग्रदायकः॥"

Meru Tantra, Ch. 36 (Avatara Prakarana):

"पद्मे पद्मासनस्यं तम्र्व्वीन्यंत्तकर्दयम्। गौरं मुख्तिंसवाङ्गं ध्यानित्तिमितलोचनम्॥ पुत्तकासक्तव्तत्तेच नानाप्तिष्ठेच प्रोभितम् इन्द्राटिलोकपालैच नतं त्वेनान्वराद्यतम्॥ [P. 29 (cont.,]

The same, 48-22:—

" रूपकामो यजेहुद्धं भ्रत्नुघाताय किल्लिनम्।"

The same, 49 (the whole chapter, beginning with the words "In the month of Srāvana"):—

"श्रावणे मासि शुक्तायासित्यारभ्य खध्यायसमाप्तिपर्य्यन्तं बुद्धद्वादभ्रीवृतकथा।"

Bhavisya Purana, 2-73:—

" एवं श्रावणश्रुक्तदादश्यां बुद्धाय नमः पादयोः। श्रीधराय नमः कञ्चाम्। पद्मोद्भवाय नमः उदरे। सम्बत्धराय नमः उरित्त। सुग्रीवाय नमः कर्र्छ। विश्ववाच्चवे नमः भुजयोः। श्रङ्खाय नमः श्रङ्के। चक्राय नमः चक्रे॥ एभिर्मन्तेः सम्यूज्य कलश्रे सुवर्णमयौं भगवतः श्रीबुद्धदेवस्य प्रतिमां स्थापियता ऋर्चियता च ब्राह्मणाय दद्यात्।"

The same (Bhavisya Purana, 2-73) :--" दशावतारानभ्यर्चयेत् प्रव्यघूपविलेपनैः।

मत्स्यं त्रूममं वराहंच नारसिंहं चिवित्रमम्।

्रामं रामं च कृषां च बुद्धं च किल्लानं तथा॥

अव हैमीर्म हार्हाच दश्मृत्तीः सुनच्ताः। गन्धप्रयोच नैवेदौर्च थेदिधिपूर्वकम्॥"

Hemadri, Chaturvarga Chintāmani, Brata-Khanda, Ch. 15:—

> " एवमभार्च मेधावी तस्वाग्रे पूर्ववङ्घटम् । स्थापयेत्तत्र सौवर्णं बुद्धं क्रता विचच्चणः । तमप्येवं तु सम्पृन्य ब्राह्मणस्य निवेदयेत्॥"

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above.]

framing a formula (of prayer to him) according to the rules of the Vedas.

Note 3. Original Text for the Mantram of Buddha.

वुद्धस्य मन्त्रविधानस्।

Meru Tantra, Avatara Prakarana, Ch. 36:-
"एवं ध्याला यजेत् पद्मे दाचिंग्रद्दनसम्मते।

कार्याकायां षडद्दानि दन्ने ग्रिष्ट्यान् यजेत् क्रमात् :

वर्यानचां जपेन्मन्तं चोमयेच प्रतोदनम्

तुनसीमित्रतोयेच भगवन्तं प्रतपंयेत्।

एवं बुद्धं समाराध्य भृत्तिं मृत्तिं प्रयान्ति ते॥"

[Another reference:—Bhavisya Purana, 2-7.], twice in the same chapter,--quoted

Purport:—The real worship of Buddha, by which one can attain to Nirvana with him, is here stated. One should repeat his incantation ("क्यो समझे बुद्धाय") nine hundred thousand times (or rather four times of that); give unto the sacred fire, as offering to him, rice boiled with Chrita or melted butter, (counting by handfuls—the total count of the Landiuls to be one-tenth of the number of incantations); and, finally, pour a libation to him of water mixed with Tulasi-leaves (the Ocimum Sanctum or Basil-leaves).

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Kurma Purana, 6-15:--

"नमो वृद्धाय युद्धाय नमन्ते ज्ञानरूपिगो।"

The same, 10-48:-

, "नमो बुडाय शुद्धाय नमो मुक्ताय हेतवे। नमो नमो नमस्तभ्यं मायिने वेथसे नमः॥"

Vayu Purana, 30-225:--

"नमः शुद्धाय बुद्धाय चोभनायाच्तताय च।"

Baraha Purana, 55-37:--

"नमोऽस्तुते बुद्ध कल्लिन् वरेग्रः।"

Padma Purana, Kriyā Khanda, 6-188:—
"तसी बुद्धाय ते नमः।"

The same, 11-94:--

"नमो वुद्धाय युद्धाय सुक्तपाय नमो नमः।"

Padma Purana, Sristi Khanda, 7.3-92:- "नमोऽस्तु बुद्धाय च दैत्यमोह्नि ।"

Garga Samhita, Viswajit Khanda, 13-49: —
"नमो बुद्धाय श्रुद्धाय किल्लिने चार्त्तिचारिंगो।"

Meru Tantra, Avatara Prakarana, Ch. 30:--"नमो भगवते बुद्ध संसारार्णवतारक।
किलकालादहं भीतः प्ररुखं प्ररुणक्रतः॥"

(With this last compare the Buddhist formula of prayer: "बुद्धं भ्रामं गच्छामि").

[Other references: -- Mahābhārata, Santiparva, Bhisma Stavarāja ("बुद्धक्षं ममास्याय वज्रक्ष परायणः। मोद्ययन् मर्वभूतानि तस्से मोद्यात्मने नमः ["): Tantrasara, Vishnu Stotra ("नं

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Note 1. Original Texts for the holiness of Buddha-Gaya and for pilgrimage thereto.

ब्द्भगयातीर्थमाहात्यम् ।

Brihannila Tantram, Patala 5:—
"प्रश्णु तानि महाप्राज्ञे पौठस्थानानि यानि तु।
सिद्धिप्रदानि साधनां महद्गिः सेनितानि च॥

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पाटला च मचावोधिनगतीर्थं मदन्तिके।

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चित्त्ययं तद्भवेत् क्यं पितृषां परमं शुभम्। • चित्रिक्षां परमं शुभम्। • चित्रिक्षां सिद्धिभविति तत्त्वणात्॥"

Skanda Purana, Abanti Khanda, 68-30:—
"पुरुषोत्तमगिरिः श्रेष्ठो यत्र बुद्धगया स्पृता।"

The same, 70-4:--

" फलगुच्च सरितां श्रेष्ठा तथैव फलदायिनी। आदिगया बुद्धगया तथा विष्णुपदी स्मृता॥"

Vayu Purana, 2-49-26:---

" धर्मी धर्मीश्वरं नला महावोधितरं नमेत्।"

The same, 2-49-31 (found in some Editions):—

"चलदलाय रुद्धाय सर्वदा स्थितिहेतने। नोधिसत्त्वाय यज्ञाय सम्बत्धाय नमी नमः॥"

Agni Purana, 115-37:--

"मद्दावीधितरुव्वला धर्मवान् खर्गलोक्तभाक्।"

Note 2. Lalita Vistara, Ch. 7; in the passage beginning with "तेन च समयेन (इमवतः।" (Lefmann's Edition, p. 101, line 13):—

"धार्मिको धर्मराजः।"

The Buddhist formula of prayer:—

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"धर्मं प्रश्णं गच्छामि।"

Note I. Amarakosha, I-I-I-8 :-
" बुद्धो धर्मराजस्त्रधागतः।"

Vaijayantikosha, I-I-33 :-
" बुद्धस्तु * * धर्मराजस्त्रधागतः।"

Note 3. The well-known Jaina Monk Saubhagya Bijaya who visited Buddha-Gaya about A.D. 1600 describes the image of Buddha in the Great Temple as something opposed to his own faith of Jainism. See his Tirthamāla-Stavana, Ch. 10, verses 2 to 5:—

"ति हां थी वोधगया को स जण है रे।
प्रतिमा वोधतणो निहंपार रे॥
जिनसुद्राणी विपरीत जाण जे रे।
काळ जनोद्दनो खाकार रे॥"

Purport:—The image of Buddha is distinguished from Jaina images by its having "Janoi," the Brahmanical sacred thread, round the neck. Such images are countless in number.

Note 3. The Medinikosha:—

"भगवाद्या जिने गौर्या स्त्रियां पूज्ये तु वाच्यवत्।''

Hemachandra, 2-130:-

"दामोदरः भौरिसनातनौ विभुः पौताम्वरो मार्जनिनौ कुमोदकः।"

Halāyudha, 1-25:-

"नारायणो जगद्वायो वनमाली गदाधरः। सनातनो जिनः भ्रम्मविधिवेधा गदाग्रजः॥"

St. Petersburg Dictionary, s.v. जिन—d) Bein, Vishnu's.

Sabdakalpadruma, s.v. जिनः—" अर्हन् । बुद्धः । विष्याः ।"

Note 4. Jishnu: " जयना ज्ञिषा रखते।" (Mahabharata, Udyogaparva, 70-13).

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Note I. The time of the Elder Buddha is placed nearly 500 years before the Second Buddha. The term Elder Buddha is a mistranslation of Purva-Buddha, which means the Preceding Buddha. There was not one Purva-Buddha, but a series of them in succession. [See Wright's Nepal, Ch. I; Rhys Davids: Buddhist Suttas, p. 86, "Successor of the Buddhas of old."]

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जगदेतदनाधारं भान्तिज्ञानार्धतत्परम् । रागादिदुष्टमत्वर्धे भाम्यते भवसङ्कटे ॥

पराश्रर उवाच।

एवं बुध्यत बुध्यध्वं बुध्यतैविमितौरयन् ।

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दैतेयान् मोच्चामास मायामोच्चोऽतिमोच्छत्॥"

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Note 2. Nārada Pancha-ratra, 4-3-156 ff.:—

"बुद्धो ध्यानिजताप्रेषदेवदेवो जगित्ययः।

विरायुधो जगन्नैचः श्रीधनो दुष्टमोद्दनः॥

दैखवेदबिह्म्सत्ता वेदार्थश्रुतिगोपकः।

श्रीद्धोदिनिर्नष्टिदिष्टः सुखदः सदसत्पितः।

यथायोग्गाखिलद्यपः सर्वश्रुन्योऽखिलेखदः॥

चतुष्कोटि एथक्तन्त्व प्रज्ञापारमितेश्वरः।

पाषग्रुश्रुतिमार्गेग पाषग्रुश्रुतिगोपकः॥"

Note 3. Tantrasāra, Ch. 4 (in the Vishnu Stotra, verse 9):—

" पुरा सुराणामसुरान्विजेतुं सम्भावयं स्वीवरिचन्तवे प्रां । चकार यः प्रास्त्रममोचक्रकणं तं मूलभूतं प्रणतोऽस्मि बुद्धम्॥"

Note 4. Lalita Vistara, Ch. 12 (Lefmann's Edition p. 156):—

" एव घरणिमाङ्ले पूर्ववुद्धासनस्यः समर्थघनुर्र्यचौता श्रुन्यनैरात्मवाग्रैः। [P. 39 (cont.)]

Mahabharata, Bhisma Stavaraja:—
"बुद्धरूपं समास्थाय वज्जरूपपरायगः।
मोच्चन् सर्वभूतानि तसी मोचात्मने नमः॥"
(This last is not found in all texts).

Note 2. Devi Bhāgavata, Book IV (Chapters 10-13): the passage beginning with "ततः परस्परं युद्धं जातं परमदारूणम्।" (Book IV, Ch. 10, verses 39 and ff.).

Matsya Purana, 24-37 to 49: the passage beginning with "अथ देवासुरं युद्धमभूदर्षभ्रतत्रयम्।" (Ch. 24, verses 37 and ff., esp. verse 47).

Note 3. Siva Purana, Rudra Samhita, Kumara Khanda, 9-18 to 25:—

"तच विषाुश्वली दोषी ह्यविवेको विश्वतः।
विवर्षेन प्ररा बद्धश्वलमाश्चित्य पापतः॥
तेनैव यत्नतः पूर्वमस्रो मधुक्तेटभो।
श्विरोहीनो कतो धौर्व्यादेदमार्गो विवर्जितः॥
मोहिनौरूपतोऽनेन पङ्किभेदः कतो हि वै।
देवास्रस्धापाने वेदमार्गो विग्रह्तिः॥
रामो भूता हता नारौ वाली विध्वंसितो हि सः
पुनर्वेश्ववणो विघ्रो हतो नौतिह्ता श्रृतः॥
पापं विना सकौया स्त्री त्यक्ता पापर्तन यत्।
तचापि श्रुतिमार्गस्च ध्वंसितः सार्थहेतवे॥
स्वजनन्याः श्विरश्चित्रमवतारे रसास्थके।
गुरुपुचापमानस्य क्रतोऽनेन दुरातमना॥

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जन्मं गुन्तं भगवती य एतत्प्रयती नरः । सायं प्रातर्ग्रेशन् भन्त्या दुःखग्रामादिमुच्यते ॥"

The same, 10-40-22:-

"नमो बुद्धाय शुद्धाय दैत्यदानवमोच्चिने।"

Garuda Purana, 1-2-32:-

"ततः क्लेस्त सन्थायां सम्मोचाय सुर्राद्यम् । बुद्धो नाम्ना जिनसुतः कौकटेषु भविष्यति । तस्मात् सर्गादयो जाताः संपूज्यस्व व्रतादिना ॥"

The same, 1-149-39:--

"वासुदेवः पुनर्बुद्धः सम्मोचाय सुरिद्धवाम् । देवादिरन्त्रणार्थाय स्त्रंधर्मच्रणाय च । भारतांस्वावतारांस्व श्रत्वा स्त्रं व्रजेव्नरः॥"

Kurma Purana, 10-48:-

"नमो बुद्धाय श्रुद्धाय नमो मुक्ताय हेतने। नमो नमो नमस्तुभ्यं मायिने नेधसे नमः॥"

Vayu Purana, 30-225:---

"नमो सुद्धाय बुद्धाय चोभणायाच्चताय च।"

[Other references:—Mahabharata, Santiparva, Bhisma Stavaraja; Tantrasāra, Vishnu Stotra;—both quoted above.]

Purport:—The Buddha who, by beguiling the atheists from the Vedas, saved the latter from being tampered with by them, is to be reverentially spoken of, heard of, saluted, and worshipped by all the Hindus who are followers of the successors or Sthiraputras, the Theraputras in Pali (i.e. sons of Theras). They were the custodians of drugs, and the healing art has derived its name Therapeutics from them.

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Note I. See Vincent Smith: The Oxford History of India, Book I, Chap. 3, p. 55, Article "No Buddhist Period."

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Note I. Lalita Vistara, Ch. 25 (Lefmann's Edition, p. 400, line 19) :—
" प्रश्यानित धर्में मगधेषु सत्त्वाः।"

Mahabharata, Bhismaparva, 11-36:-
"मंगास्र मध्रकास्त्रेव मानसा मन्दगास्त्रथा।

मंगा व्राह्मणभूषिष्ठाः स्वकर्मनिरता त्रप॥"

Vishnu Purana, 2-4-69:—

''मगाच मागधाचेव मानसा मन्दगात्तथा। मगा ब्राह्मणभृविष्ठा मागधाः चित्रियात्तथा॥"

Sāmba Purana, 16-87 to 88 (or, in some

editions, 26-30 to 31):—

"मगाञ्च मामगाञ्चेव मानसा मन्दगास्तया। मगा व्राह्मग्रभृयिष्ठा मामगाः च्विचास्तया॥"

Padma Purana, Swarga Khanda, 8-34:—
"मगास्व मण्यतास्त्रेव मानसा मस्त्रतास्त्रया।
मगास्व त्रसाभूयिष्ठाः स्वतमीनिरता दिनाः॥"

निर्विक्तस्ये नमस्तुभ्यं प्रज्ञाषारसितेऽमिते। या त्वं सर्वानवद्याङ्गि निर्वदीर्निरीच्यसे॥"

Note 2. Agni Purana, 49-8:-" प्रान्तात्मा लम्बनर्गञ्च गौराङ्गञ्चाम्बराखतः।
जर्द्धपद्मस्थितो बद्धो वरदाभयदायकः॥"

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Note I. Rig Veda, Khila Sukta, 28-6: — "अग्निं प्रत्यच्चदैवतम्।"

Brihannāradiya Purana, 2-39:—

"भ्यादिकोक्तित्रयं संह्त्यात्मानमात्मना।

पद्यन्ति योगिनः सर्वे तमीशानं भजाम्यहम्॥"

(The context would show that the verse refers to Buddha).

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Note 2. Cunningham: Coins of Ancient India, pp. 75-78:—

"The Yaudheyas were one of the most famous tribes of Ancient India.

"The coins of the Yaudheyas * * are of two distinct kinds; the older ones dating from about the first century B.C., and the later ones dating from about A.D. 300.

"A third class are, perhaps, of a slightly later date. They are remarkable for having a six-headed figure on one side. Purānas. Buddhists themselves do not fear to say: 'It is the custom (sāmvrtam etat),' and they follow, in practical life, Revelation and Tradition.

[Quoted from Vallee Poussin's "Authority of Buddhist Agamas" in p. 376 of the Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society, 1902.]

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Note 2. Sankarāchārya in his Dasāvatāra Stotram:-"य खास्ते कलौ योगिनां चन्नवत्तीं
स बुद्धः प्रबुद्धोऽस्तु मिचत्तवर्ती।"

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- Note I. Taranath is the same as Kun-snjing of Thibet.
- Note 2. Padma Purana, Kriyā Khanda, 6-188:—
 " वेदाः विनिन्दिता चेन विलोक्य पयुह्तिंसनम् ।
 सक्तपेन लया चेन तस्मै बुद्धाय ते नमः ॥"

Bhagavata Purana, II-4-22:-"वादैविंमोच्चित यज्ञक्तोऽतदर्चान्।"

Sankara Vijaya, 12-8:—

" प्रायः जातुद्देषद्यतादराय नोधैन धाम्ने स्पृह्नयामि भूम्ने।" Gita Govindam, Hymn to the Avatāras:—

" निन्दिस यज्ञविघेरत्वत्व श्रुतिजातम् । सदयद्वदर्श्यातपश्रुवातम् । केम्रवस्तवुद्धम्भीर जय जगदीम् हरे ।" * * *

क्रियाविश्रेषवज्जनां भोगैश्वर्थगतिं प्रति ॥

चैगुर्ण्यविषया वेदा निस्त्रैगुर्ण्यो भवार्जुन ।" etc., etc.

Purport:—The elaborate rites and ceremonials which have accreted round Vedic worship had better be dispensed with.

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Note 1. Padma Purana, quoted by Vijuāna Bhik-shu:—

"दैत्यानां नाभ्रनार्थाय विष्णुना वुद्धरूपिया। बौद्धभाष्त्रमसत्योक्तं नभ्रनौलपटादिकम् ॥ वेदार्थवन्मचाभ्रास्त्रं मायावादमवैदिकम् । मयेव कथितं देवि जगतां नाभ्रकारणात् ॥ मायावादमसच्छास्त्रं प्रच्छनं वौद्धमेव तत् । मयेव कथितं देवि कलौ व्राह्मग्ररूपिया॥"

—Sankhya Pravachana Bhashya, 1-22. (See also Garbe's Edition, Harvard, p. 16, lines 7–11.)

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Note 2. Chhandogya Upanishad, 5-10-7:--

"तद्य इच रमणीयचरणा अध्यशो च यत्ते रमणीयां योनिमापद्येरन्।"

Max Muller, Lectures, quoted in Shome's "Old Gaya and Gayawals." (P. 38.)

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sprinkled and scattered themselves, out of reverence for the successor of the Buddhas of old.... And heavenly sandalwood powder and Mandaru flowers, and heavenly music, and heavenly songs came wafted from the skies, out of reverence for the successor of the Buddhas of old! Then the Blessed One addressed the venerable Ananda, and said: 'Now it is not thus, Ananda, that the Tathagata is rightly honoured, reverenced, venerated, held sacred or revered. But the brother or the sister, the devout man or the devout woman, who continually fulfils all the greater and the lesser duties, who is correct in life, walking according to the precepts—it is he who rightly honours, reverences, venerates, holds sacred and reveres the Tathagata with the worthiest homage. Therefore, O Ananda, be ye constant in the fulfilment of the greater and the lesser duties, and be ye correct in life, walking according to the precepts; and thus, Ananda, should it be taught."

Note 2. The Rig Veda Samhita, beginning: "अपिमीड़े पुरोहितम्।"

"Karma" in Isopanishad-bhāsya (Mantras 2 and 11).

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Note 2. Mahabharata, Rājadharma, 15-49:— "बहिंसा साधुहिंसा।"

Purport:—Sparing the wicked is killing the righteous. The real meaning of the term 'Ahinsā' comes out in this text. It cannot mean animal-sacrifice. It means "total absence of hatred towards wrong," i.e., absolute forgiveness of injuries.

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Note I. Vidyaranya's Jivanmukti-viveka, Ch. 2:-"नमोऽस्तु कोपदेवाय खात्रयञ्चालिने स्ट्राम्।"

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Note I. Mahabharata, Udyogaparva, 33-48 ff.:—

"एकः चमावतां दोघो दितीयो नोपपद्यते।

यदेनं चमया युक्तमधक्तं मन्यते जनः॥

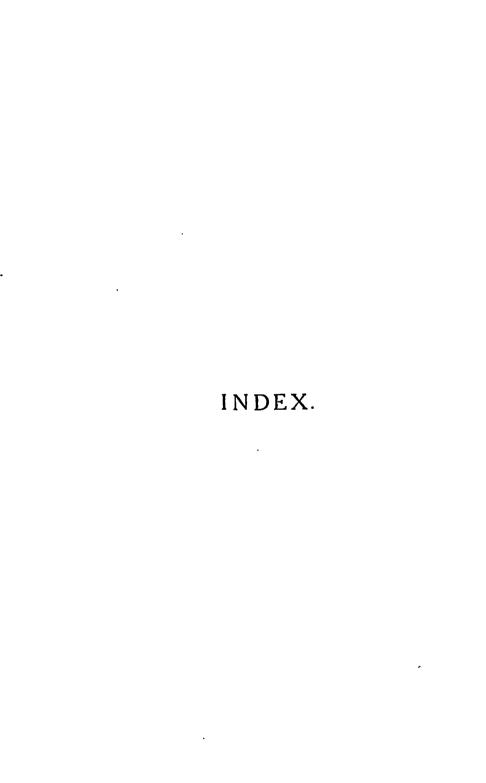
सोऽस्य दोघो न मन्तव्यः चमा दि परमं वलम्।

चमा गुणो चाधक्तानां भूकां चमा॥"

The same, Dronaparva, 198-59:—
"वयं च्लमयितारच किमन्यच ग्रामाझ्वेत।"

Purport:—The all-forgiving man is thought to be weak and worthless. Still, forgiveness is the highest virtue, as it ensures peace, than which nothing can be higher. ance to the slaughter of any living creature, although that regrettable custom might arise through necessity. But custom is not religion in every case.

The Appendix is a literary essay and does not properly fit in with the main book. It has been retained to show the true meaning of Ahinsa, which is the cardinal doctrine of Buddhism and about which there has been much misunderstanding. For. too often it is supposed that Buddha's whole religion consisted in preventing the slaughter of animals and that Ahinsā in Buddhism means nothing more than desisting from such slaughter. But this cannot be the truth. He who thoroughly comprehended the law of Nature which ordains that animals should prev upon one another for their food and sustenance, and who made this law the basis of his doctine of Karma (or Retribution) and of the moral system arising out of that doctrine, could never have been so sensitive to animal sacrifices as he is supposed to have been. This supposition arose from Buddha's opposition to making animal sacrifice a part of religion, as was done in his time by the Brahmanas when performing the rites of the Yajna or Sacred Fire. The Brahmanas themselves, however, were systematically opposed to animal slaughter except when it was done as part of some Yajna or religious rite; for they considered that in such cases the soul of the victim



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This plate shows both the Tilaka-mark on the forehead and the Barābhayada posture of the hands in the images of Buddha. It is to face page 27 and page 28 (n. 1), and also to face page 47 and page 48 (n. 1). Both the Tilaka-mark and the Barabhavada posture are symbols in Hindu mysticism, and their presence in Buddha's images proves the latter to have been objects of Hindu worship. The injunction to the worshipper to wear the Tilaka himself on his forehead carries with it the injunction to put the same on the forehead of the idol of his worship. Buddha used to wear the Tilaka himself, for the Tilaka is represented on the forehead of the image of the goddess whom he worshipped (Prajnāpāramitā, or Tārā, or Kuan-yin). The Tilaka was continued to be worn by Buddha's successors and is visible in the images of Avalokiteshwara and others. A kind of Tilaka in the shape of three parallel horizontal lines on the forehead, called by the Hindus the Tripundra and much worn by them, is to be found depicted on the forehead of the images of such prominent Buddhist Missionaries as Bodhidharma, Asanga, etc. (see p. 47, note I). The Tilaka for the Hindu worshippers of Buddha has been ordained to resemble the leaf of the Aswattha tree (the ficus religiosa), and is to be painted with the paste of yellow sandal wood as directed by the Suta Samhita in the Text quoted below.

The Barābhayada posture of a deity is a peculiarly Hindu conception. It can have no place in any atheistic or nihilistic system of thought, for it involves the ideas of the existence of an Almighty and Benevolent Deity, of a host of Angels, of Paradise and the life to come. of the soul and its immortality. Its meaning is that man can commune in spirit with the mysterious power of Nature, and receive therefrom the object of his desires and a protection from all fears. No Hindu's worship is complete without meditation on his Deity in this posture.

A comparison of Buddhistic images having the Tilaka and the Barābhayada-Mudra with Hinduistic images of the same descrip-

Tilaka on the Twenty-five Bodhisattwas, see Anesaki: Buddhist Art, plate 11.]

The Tilaka-mark (called Tripundra) on Buddhist Missionaries (Asanga etc.):—Statues of this description are abundant in Nepal, Tibet, China, Japan, Mongolia and Siberia. Photos of the same may be seen in books of Travels or of Art, relating to those countries, although most of the images have not been identified by the Authors. A small image of Asanga may be seen at the Reception-House of Rai Biharilala Mitra Bahadur, Zamindar, Calcutta; and a picture of the same may be seen in the Toyo Bijutsu Shu. or Pictures of Oriental Arts: Part 2, plate 1. (Kokkasha. Tokio. Japan.)

The Barābhayada posture of Buddha:—Statues of this description may be seen at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, U.S.A.: at the Barābudur, Java; at the Indian Museum, Calcutta, and at the Temple, Buddha-Gaya, India. (For Bara-Abhaya Mudras in Javan images, see Foucher: Beginnings of Buddhist Art, p. 256.)

For photographs of the above, see Karl With: Java, plates 9. II, 12, 33, 95; Ashton: Study of Chinese Sculpture, plate 42 (a). Most of Buddha's photos taken by tourists in India are of this description. The Hindu pictures of Dasāvatāra always show Buddha in this Barābhayada posture.

The Tilaka-mark on the forehead of, and the Barābhayada-mudra in the hands of, a Hindu Deity:—Statues of this description may be seen in Hindu Temples all over India. And photographs or pictures of the same are kept by all Hindus in their houses.

Up to the present times all orthodox Hindus have continued to put the Tilaka-mark on their own forehead as well as on the forehead of their idols; and when they meditate on their Deity, they invest it with the Barābhayada posture.

ORIGINAL TEXTS.

For the Tilaka-mark :-

(a) of Buddha-worship in particular:

व्यश्वत्यपत्रसदृधं हरिचन्दनेन मध्ये ललाटमतिष्योभनमादरेख।





of the race that takes the form of the various systems of religion, which all begin with some authenticated communication of man with the higher beings (devas, seraphs, malékhs, fravashis, angels, gods, immortals).

The book consists of two parts. The first part terminates on p. 76. The second part contains several texts which appeared before in a pamphlet named "Buddha-Gaya Māhātmya: Texts about Buddha and Buddha-Gaya, or Buddha-Gaya a Hindu Shrine," prepared by the Yogiraja himself and spoken of as a most valuable compilation for all Hindus by the late Hon'ble Justice Dr. Sir Gurudas Banerji, Kt., M.A., LL.D., PHD., of the High Court of Judicature at Fort William in Bengal. It was originally printed for free distribution among the Spiritual Heads, Foreign Potentates, Indian Ruling Chiefs, and Representative Scholars.

It is obvious that all well-founded criticisms of these pages will be helpful to the writer who has tried his best to look at the subject-matter from the standpoint of truth. Communications may be sent to the writer at the Maharajadhiraja of Darbhanga's House, Chowringhee, Calcutta.

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OBSERVATIONS.

THE Words "See N" in the foot-notes mean that elaborations and original texts ere to be found in the Notes at the end of the book.

Figures separated by hyphens indicate the sub-divisions of the book referred to. For example, Rig Veda I-I-2, means Rig Veda, first Mandala, first Sukta, second Mantra. Similarly in all other cases.

(2) the perfect comprehension of this thing only. 1 It holds that by such perfect comprehension,—that by it alone and by no other means,—all the mysteries of matter and mind are also cleared up.2 It holds the spirit to be something powerful,—creative,—and this power of the spirit it calls the will.3 It believes in the strength of the unconquerable will and the weakness of matter and mind as 2. Power. compared with it4; in the gradual triumph of the will over matter and mind, securing the final liberation of the pure spirit from all connections with the vile body

Upanishad 1 Brihadaranyaka Upanishad 4-5-6; Mundaka 2-2-5. (See N).

² Chhandogya Upanishad 6-1-3; Brihadaranyaka Upanishad 4-5-6. Cf. the Bible: Job xxxii, 8; Proverbs xx, 27; Ecclesiastes

xii, 7; John iv, 24; I Corinthians xiv, 2. (See N).

³ Schopenhauer has bequeathed this term to the new metaphysics of Europe. (Weber: "History of Philosophy," p. 556. foot-note). The will is the Sakti or Māyā of the Vedas and Tantras, It is the Druj of the Avesta. (Smith's "Cyclopædia of Names," under the word 'Ahura Mazda'). (See N).

⁴ Cf. Dr. Charles Mackay's "Memoirs of Extraordinary Popular Delusions," 2nd Ed.,—the chapter on the Magnetisers (conclusion). This magnetic power of the will over matter and mind affords an illustration of the words of the inspired Psalmist that we are "fearfully and wonderfully made." (Bible: Psalms cxxxix, 14).

the spirit (Jivanmukti). It lays down that man's nearest task is to elevate himself to the level of the Devas, and prescribes various methods for the fulfilment of that task. Thus the Religion of the Vedas, like the Religion of the Bible, prescribes the Religion of the Sacred Fire, holding worship of the Sacred Fire, holding that Fire is the only medium of communication with the celestial hosts who are beings with fiery bodies (Seraphs, lit. burning beings); and who therefore make their appearance in fire only, which is

¹ All the Vedas open with a glowing tribute to the Sacred Fire as its cynosure,—"the polar star to sailors on life's pathless seas." (Mahābhārata, Banaparva 200-13). Cf. "The Vedas have been revealed for the due worship by man of the Devas." (Mahābhārata: Sāntiparva Mokshadharma 327-50). (See N).

² The Religion of the Bible, together with its Temple, had its origin in the Hallowed Fire of Moses. See Exodus iii, 2; its origin in the Hallowed Fire of Moses. See Exodus iii, 2; its iii, 18; Deuteronomy v, 25-26; Leviticus ix, 23-24; vi, 12-13; II xix, 18; Deuteronomy v, 25-26; Leviticus ix, 23-24; vi, 12-13; II Chronicles vii, 1; I Kings xviii, 38; Numbers iv, 13; Isaiah Chronicles vii, 1; I Kings xviii, 38; Numbers iv, 13; Isaiah vii, 4-5; Ezekiel i, 4; Revelation i, 13-15; II Thessalonians i, vi, 4-5; Ezekiel i, 4; Revelation i, 13-15; II Chronicles vii, 3; Daniel vii, 10; Exodus xiii, 21. (See N).

³ Other methods are also prescribed (whether conjoined to fire-worship or not), e.g. the Yoga and the Tantra, both of which are for elevating man to the level of the Devas.

Bible: Isaiah, Ch. 6; Mahābhārata, Banaparva 261-13; Aniruddha on the Sankhya Philosophy: 5-112. Rig Veda 9-113-4. (See N).

(the fire) sacred to the Devas: for, not all fire but that which burns upon some fatty substance is held to be sacred to the Devas. Further, the Sanātana-Dharmins ignite the fire to purify a birth, to bear witness to a ignite the fire to purify a birth, to bear witness to a ignite the fire to purify a birth, to bear witness to a ignite the fire to purify a birth, to bear witness to a ignite the fire to purify a birth, to bear witness to a ignite the fire to purify a birth, to bear witness to a ignite the fire to purify a birth, to bear witness to a ignite the fire to purify a birth, to bear witness are further hold that human marriages are sacred and elevate the pair to the heaves of the Devas if chastity has been faith fully preserved by both the parties; and hence is the origin of Sakti-pujā or Female-worship among them.

taking place at Prayagas, or centres of fire-worship, were popularly known as the Kumbha-melas. Subsequently, when Ghrita had become too dear through the exportation and slaughter of cows by foreigners (Rig Veda 16-165) (See N), a stone, which originally had nothing to do with the Phallus with which it has been hopewhad nothing to do with the Phallus with which it has been hopewhad nothing to do with the Phallus with which it has been hopewhad nothing to do with the Phallus with which it has been hopewhad nothing to conformed,—was substituted for the Fire, as the Lingan; lessly conformed,—was substituted for the Fire, as the Lingan; or a symbol for it, and a jar of dropping water for the Ghrita-or a symbol for it, and a jar of dropping water for the Ghrita-or a symbol for it, and a jar of dropping water for the Ghrita-or a symbol for it, and a jar of dropping water for the Ghrita-or a symbol for it, and a jar of dropping water for the Ghrita-or a symbol for it, and a jar of dropping water for the Ghrita-or a symbol for it, and a jar of dropping water for the Ghrita-or a symbol for it, and a jar of dropping water for the Ghrita-or a symbol for it, and a jar of dropping water for the Ghrita-or a symbol for it, and a jar of dropping water for the Ghrita-or and the Ghrita-o

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The Rig Veda eschews such fats and prefers cow's butter as having

a superior efficacy. In the Bible, however, there is a prophecy

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Remaissance to come with the Messiah. (See Issiah vii, 21-22).

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of the Rishi Kapila of old. His father,—2 Kshatriya (Singna) whose real name is apparently lost, was a Hindu of the orthodox type, noted for the purity of his food whence he received the appelation of Suddhodana, or the pure vegetarian. The Buddha was thus born2 and brought up in the cradle of A vegetarian the purest form of Hinduism and was himself a follower of the World-old from birth.

[&]quot;Gege end Stehebed," p. 53; Sherring's "Beneres," p. 5 (Sekye Muni). During the Period between the renunciation of home and the attainment of Bradershood, Buddha was known by the name of Selve Mini: -- and it is a fact that the word Mini, whenever epplied to a person, is applied to his native name. Marco Polo who visited India in 1250 A. D., found the Buddha generally LECTE 25 the Sairs Meni (Sagamoni).—Book iii, Ch. 15. (Cordier's Ed., Vol. II, p. 316). Ci. Sando: Csoma Korosi: "Notices on the life of Shakya, extracted from the Tibetan authorities." (Asietic Reservines, Calcutta, 1836, Vol. XX, p. 285-317)]. I It might be observed here that no such another name of this kind is to be found in the history of the contemporary times, from which it is not unreasonable to infer that it was not a name but an appellation derived from some peculiar trait in the character of that person to whom it was applied. Nepal has

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observances of feet, by Statehoders (pure food), was brought into birth the Supreme Spirit as Buddine" (as his son :—in Bhavisya Paren). (See Ni.

was never without it.1 His place of worship is called the Chaitya, which word originally means the place of the Sacred Fire.² His temple, though having characteristics peculiar to itself, is unmistakably of the flame-type, and his followers still bear testimony to this fact of their original fire-worship by wearing the tuft of hair called "Shikhā" (literally, the flame) on their heads; by protecting and venerating the cow; and by profusely using the Ghrita or melted butter for illuminations and other acts of devotion.3 Even in

¹ The Vedas enjoined the Usnisha (or head-dress) for all fireworshippers (Atharva Veda 15-2-1; Aitareya Brahmana 6-1; Aswalayana Srauta Sutra 5-12; Katyayana Srauta Sutra 22-4-10.) [See Waddell: "Buddha's Diadem or 'Usnisa'"; a study of Buddhist origins (Berlin); and cf. the title of the book: "Ushnishavijaya-dharani " (Oxford)]. (See N).

² [Cf. Narayan Aiyangar: Chaityas. (Indian Antiquary, Bombay, 1882; Vol. II)]. The word chaitya is derived from the word chitya, which means fire (Panini 3-1-132). Hence chaitya means the "place of Yajna or sacred fire." (See Shabdakalpadruma under both the words). (See N).

^{3 [}Cf. the "Pradipa-dāniya Sutra" of the Buddhists, dealing with the rites of offering lights of burning Ghrita]. Even now Buddhist pilgrims may be seen at Buddha-Gaya and other places of their worship offering large quantities of Ghrita to be burnt before the image of the Buddha. In the Great Temple of Buddha-Gaya, on the floor towards which the eyes of the Buddha-image seem to be directed, is a large circular mark wherein was originally a pit for burning Ghrita, which was afterwards converted into a place for the Lingam, as was done in all the fire-temples of India when Ghrita became dear.

And as he was a Hindu, Buddha respected the caste-system of the Sanātana Dharma. There are texts to prove it and they are of special significance as being found in A respecter professedly Buddhist Scriptural works. "The Bodhiof the caste. sattwa or Buddha-elect regards caste distinctions. He never takes birth in the lower castes; (therefore) he takes birth only in one of the two higher castes, namely, the caste of Brahmana or (the caste) of Kshatriya."2 "Having made such a noble sacrifice, the meritorious man is to be born a Bodhisattwa or Buddha-elect in some illustrious family of the Kshatriya tribe or (in some illustrious family) of the Brahmana tribe."3

¹ On Buddha's being a Hindu, cf. Waddell: "Buddha's Secret, from a Sixth Century Commentary." (Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society, London, 1894, p. 372).

² Lalita Vistara, Ch. 3, line 146 ff. (Lefmann's edition). (See N). "Several of the Pre-historical Buddhas (Purva Buddhas) were Brahmans."—Sherring's "Benares," p. 153. The Buddhavansa represents the majority of previous Buddhas as Brahmans and only a few as Kshatriyas. The observance of caste rules by Brahmans was recommended by Buddha, and he generally accepted Brahmans as his own disciples. (See Copleston: "Buddhism Past and Present," Ch. 16). Buddha did not denounce the caste theory but exploded the doctrine that salvation is not open to all castes. [Cf. Chalmers: "The Madhura Sutra" (Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society, 1894, p. 348)].

³ Satasāhasrikā Prajnāpāramitā (See N).

(14) much on the same level. It may be noted here that Buddha followed the World-old Religion in the matter of consigning the remains of the dead to the fire, while Sankarāordainer An charya departed from it and ordained the alien custom of cremation. of burying the dead for his followers.

The story of Buddha's death at Kusinārā from the effects of ingesting "dried boar's flesh" while at Pava, is a fallacy supported by a falsehood. True, the Buddhist Scriptures story of Budsay that Buddha died by eating of "suska sukaradha's death. mārdava"; and the term suska means" dried." But the other term, sukara-mārdava, which literally means " soft as the boar's flesh," is the name of the mushroom plant. It is some modern translator who has promulgated this false story of Buddha's death by mistranslating the word sukara-mārdava into "boar's flesh." Dried boar's flesh is a thing unknown,—boar's

flesh being too fatty an article to be brought to the dried state without becoming putrid and

² Cf. Khunnilal Sastri of Bareilly in his able article on "Buddha as a Believer." See Neumann: "Die Raden Gotama Buddho's"; cf. Nariman: "Tiel's Religion of the Iranian People," preface, p. 6. Also Silachara's Catechism. (Neumann takes sukaramārdava as equal to the Sanskrit word sukra-mārdava).

(16) boar's flesh is, therefore, unsupported by facts. The term "dried" and the season of Buddha's death are of great significance in determining this point. Applied to boar's flesh it has no meaning: applied to mushroom it explains and clears up the whole thing. The poorer classes of the people of Pava and Kusinārā, where Buddha died, may still be found eating mushroom fresh in the rainy season, which is its proper season, and preserving it in the dried state to serve when its season is over. This article of diet is spoken of in bad terms by medical authorities; it is always difficult of digestion, and some varieties of it are poisonous and often cause death with symptoms of dysentery. 1 Buddha died of dysentery, and died in the spring season.2 Evidently, then, if mushroom was taken by him before his death, it must have been taken in the dried state at that season of the year. And this offers a good explanation of the expression " suska sukara-mārdava" in the story of Buddha's death. The imputation of meat-eating was falsely made to his name by Devadatta, his worst enemy,

¹ Bhāvaprakāsa (First Portion): Sākavarga 105-107. As to their nutritive value and as to some varieties of them being poisonous, see Lorand: Health and Longevity through Rational poisonous, see Lorand: Even the edible varieties of them may, Diet, pp. 241—246.—"Even the edible varieties of very rapidly at times, have a poisonous action as they become very rapidly at times, have a poisonous action as they become," "A good at times, have a poisonous action as they become very rapidly at times.

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the place where to begin his mission of reformation because it was the old and venerable place of the Rishis of old. The Vinaya Sutras or moral codes of the Buddhist canon are apparently a recapitulation of the Grihya Sutras of the _in morals i Hindu Scriptures.² His prohibition of the slaughter of living animals, and of killing in general, was based on the authority of well-known Vedic Texts which he

> 1 Lalita Vistara, Ch. 25 (towards the end of the Chapter). (See N).

2 Cf. Fuehrer: "Manusāra-dhamma-sattham, the Buddhist law book compared with the Brahmanical Mānava-dharma-sāstram or Manu Samhita" (Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society, Bombay, 1882, Vol. XV, p. 333 fi);—Edmund Hardy on Pali canon as coming from the Grihya Sutras of the Vedas: "Der Grhya-Ritus pratyavarchana im Pali-Kanon" (Deutsche Morgenlandische Gesellschaft. Zeitschrift. Leipzig, Band 52, p. 149-151);—Franke: "Die Gathas des Vinayapitaka und ihre Parallelen" (Vienna, 1910). For Brahmanic precedent in Buddhism, see Max Muller:

"Dhammapada," p. 28. On the Relation of Buddhist Sacred Books to Satapatha Brahmana, see Kern: "Saddharma-Pundarika," P. xvi fi; and to Mahabharata and Manu-Smriti, see Buhler:

"The Laws of Manu," p. xci, note].

Like them he believed in the Yoga philosophy,1; practised it himself,2 became the prince of Yogins,3 and taught it to others as well.4 He even acquired the highest power of the Yogin, the power to recollect the series of previous births (Jātismaratwa).5 His Metaphysics, too, is no other than that of the Vedic

- 3 Ci. Sankarāchārya's Hymn to Buddha in his Dasavatara Vayu Purana 18-28. (See N). stotre. (See N).
 - : Hence grew up the sect of Yogacharas in Buddhism.
 - This is the theme of all the Jataka Tales of Buddhism. Cf. the saying of Krishna in the Bhagavad-Gita, 4-5. (See N).

It is not generally known that Æsop's Fables had their origin in the Jarakes, and the Arabian Nights' Entertainment in the Brihat-katha of Budha Swamin.—See Fytche, "Burma Past and Present," Vol. II, p. 144.

¹ Buddhacharita of Aswaghosha: Ch. 12, ver. 103 (Oxford Ed.). (See N). The original texts show that the Buddha was a firm believer in the Yoga, and did not try its methods by way of experiment only. Cf. Hermann Jacobi: "On the relation of the Buddhistic philosophy to Sankhya-Yoga and the signification of the Nidanas" (Zeitschrift der Deutschen Morgenlandischen Gesellschaft, Band 52, pp. 1—15). Cf. Monier Williams: "Mystical Buddhism in connection with the Yoga Philosophy of the Hindus" (Victoria Institute, Annual Report, 1858, London). Also cf. Senart: "Bouddhisme et Yoga" (Review of the History of Religions, Paris, Vol. XLII).

² Cf. the Jatalia-asthi Pujāprakaranam, verse 2; and

hollowness, Buddha meant the dream-like unreality, the delusive appearance (that is $M\bar{a}y\bar{a}$)¹ of all sensible things that make up the Universe. The subsequent translation of Sunyavāda into the false Doctrine of Nothingness cannot be ascribed to Buddha himself.²

That Buddha was a follower of the Religion of the Upanishads is strikingly brought to light by the words which escaped his lips as soon as he had attained his enlightenment under the famous Bodhi-tree at Buddha-Gaya. In those words, the Vedantic doctrine of the soul as the Creator and of Salvation by realisation of this truth is rehearsed by the Buddha as his own faith. "O maker of the body!" he uttered "I have seen thee; no more shalt thou

¹ See Kumarila Bhatta: Tantra Vartika &1—20. Cf. La Vallée Poussin: "Vedanta and Buddhism" (Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society, 1910, p. 133—134). The Yoga Philosophy of the Hindus also speaks of Māyā as Sunya. (See the Jnanasankalini Tantra, verse 54). (See N).

² The term *Nirvana* for salvation in Buddhist literature contributed to produce this false doctrine. The term *Nirvana*, however, is not Buddha's own, but occurs in Pre-Buddhistic Hindu Philosophy, and does not mean annihilation. (See N.)

² This faith was only a rehearsal, a recitation of an already established truth. It was declared by all the Vedic Rishis and the Purva Buddhas. (See Warren: "Buddhism in Translations." Harvard Series, p. 83).

of the Upanishads, Buddha maintained that the A Niskama proper path to this salvation lay in the combined practice of right knowledge with right action. And, further, he held right action to be that which leads to the complete cessation of all desires;—the same doctrine of desire-lessness as had been taught long before him by the Yoga-Vāsistha of the Hindus, and also by the Mahabharata, more notably, in the chapters of the Bhagavad-Gita, known as the teachings of the Niskāma Karma.

¹ Cf. the Isavasya Upanishad, Mantra 2. (See N).

² In the Dharmachakra-pravartana Sutra, Buddha lays the foundation of the Kingdom of Righteousness on the middle path of life, which ultimately consists of right action and right contemplation. See Rhys Davids: "Buddhist Suttas," p. 147.

³ The Tanhāvāda (Sanskrit,—Trishnāvāda) or Doctrine of Thirst (or desire) plays the same rôle in Buddhism as in Hinduism. According to Buddhism, desire is the source of creation; and the Vedas also say: "Desire first arose in it, the primal germ." (Rig Veda: the Nasadiya Sukta, 10—129—4), (See N).

from the hands of the wicked into which it had fallen at that time. And the Buddhists themselves admit that their Buddha is the Narayana of the Hindus. As such, the Buddha received his worship at the hands of the Hindus, like all the other Acadana; and there is no doubt about

And an object of their worship :--by the method of Moortiguill or its learn. the fact that the original devotees of the Buddha were no other than the Hindus themselves. As usual with the Hindus in matters of devotion, Moorils or images (Mols), are directed to be made

to Buiths, and the directions also are given

I This is the funding as mibed to all the stratus in the Biagarai-Gita (Ch. 4, verses 5-8). Ci Biagarata Purata I-3-22; Garufa Purata I-14-23; Marsya Purata 45-245. (For texts and other reference see No.

^{*} Laine Vistare Ch. 7; and again Ch. 15. (See N). Ch. , Rajenira Laia Mira: "Eniiha-Gaya." p. 6.

It is worth nothing that Estementica, who was a professedly Brainlight author, course Brainline as one of the Analysis of the Emilias it his Deservateradiation. (Ci. Poutier:—" Escenatica: Le Brainlineaure."—Journal Asiatique, Paris, 1894, Serie 8, Vol. XX. p. 167 ff. Other Brainlines existed before this one but more of them was regarded as important of Nitriponic Ci. the Yoga Vasistia, Vallegra prairiesta of-33; Mahabharata, Sanifparva 255-32; Mahabharata Sunta Ci. 5: Lallie Vistara Ci. 12; Lankavatara Sunta (A list of some of the Purva Brainline is given in Prinsep's "Useful Tables," p. 203. (See N.)

show a partiality to the Buddha's worship.1 For them his worship has also been elaborated by the Hindu Scriptures themselves into a system consisting of rites to be observed from morning to evening, namely, the Buddha-Prātahsmaranam or early-morning salutation to the Buddha;2 smarana the Buddha-Dhyānam or meditation or Dhyāna --by him; the Buddha-Bratapujā or reading —by Bratapujā

1 Suta Samhita: Suta Gita 8-34. (See N).

It should be noted here that the Buddha, like all ascetic teachers of India used to wear the Tilaha and this is proved by many of his images in stone having the Tilaha, which, however, was a circular one in his case. (See p. 169 fi.) This fact is all the more ' confirmed by the Barabudur images of Java having both the Tilaka and the Yajnopavita (or the Brahmanical sacred thread) depicted on them. Rightly, therefore, is the image of Buddha worshipped by the Hindus, with the Tilaka put on its forehead. The Java images, undoubtedly, reveal a very early state of Buddhism, when it was not differentiated from Hinduism. (See p. 175 ff.)

Garuda Purana 2-31-35; Bhagavata Purana 1-3-24 to 29. (See N).

³ Agni Purana 49-8; Meru Tantra, Avatāraprakarana, 36. Sankarāchārya in his hymn to the Ten Avatāras. (See N).

Hindu community who, according to the injunctions of their own scriptures, 1 flock thither in great numbers to offer pindas or libations to the manes, of departed ancestors.

It is held by some European savants that long ' before the advent of Buddha, the Pippala (or fig-tree) was an object of worship among the Hindus,—that the name Bodhi-tree has always been a synonym for some objections answered :-

the Pippala, and that Bodhi-Gaya, not Buddha-Gaya, was the original name of the place, derived from this Bodhi-tree and not from the Buddha. Further, on this ground, they contend that the Hindus are enjoined to worship the Bodhi-tree only and not the Buddha in their pilgrimage to Buddha-Gaya.

This view, however plausible it may seem to be, cannot be accepted. Of course, the tree was considered sacred by the Hindus from time immemorial, and the Buddha was all the more a true Hindu for choosing his seat beneath it in his last and most determined act of devotion.2 and Buddha.

¹ Brihannila Tantra 5; Skanda Purana, Abantikhanda 68-30; 70-4; Vayu Purana 2-49-26 to 29 (also 2-49-31 to 34, found in some Editions); Agni Purana 115-37. (See N).

² The Sacred Fire of the Vedas was produced in the first instance by friction with two pieces of dry wood, preferably the wood from the Aswattha tree. This preference given to the Aswattha (or Pippala) for its wood, led to the tree being regarded as sacred by the Hindus. Buddha's veneration for it confirms him in the Hindu Religion. (See Rhys Davids: "Buddhist India": p. 231).

Further, the contention that the Hindus are to worship the Bodhi-tree and not the Buddha is also untenable. The Hindu Scriptures expressly lay

—Hindus to worship Bud-dha first and the tree next.

down that after having first worshipped Dharma and Dharmeshwara, the devotee is next to worship the Bodhi-taru.

The term "Dharmeshwara" in the above passage means Buddha. The Religion of Buddha was

known in India as the Dharma; while Buddha was known as the Dharmashwara, the Dharmaraja, the Dharmarasi, the Dharmapala, etc.² The Lexicon, too,

¹ Vayu Purana 2-49-26. (See N).

² Lalita Vistara, Ch. 7. (See N). "Dharma or Dhammo—the former being Sanskrit, the latter Pali—constitutes one of the three grand divisions of the Buddhist faith; and, in the Pali writings, Buddha himself is often spoken of as Dhammo (Dharma). In the time of Asoka, the common term employed to denote this religion was Dhammo. Dharmeswara, or Lord Dharma, is the Deity who personifies Dharma. If Dharma be regarded as the Buddhist creed, then this appellation would refer to the supposed divine head of such creed, or Buddha."—Sherring: "Benares," p. 85–86 (Ch. V). Cf. the terms Dharma-Mandir, Dharma Bāpi, Dharma Kupa; and the names Dharma Asoka and Dharmarasi (Sherring, p. 251).

Cf. Paul Carus: "The Dharma: an exposition of Buddhism." (Chicago). Cf. the Buddhist formula of prayer: "I take refuge in the Dharma." (See N). [See Waddell: "The 'Refuge Formula' of the Lamas." (Indian Antiquary, Bombay, 1894; Vol. XXIII; p. 73-76).

Kikatesu bhavisyati ":--the Jina-suta named Buddha will appear in the lands of Kikata). The son of Jina is exactly what is meant by the word Jaina, and hence, ' on the first thought Jaina-Mandir might be taken to include Buddhist Temples also along with Jaina Temples proper. But Buddha was the son of Hindu parents of the Kshatriya tribe, and could by no means be called the son of a Jina.2 Further, all the texts in which the term Jina-suta occurs, do not prohibit the Hindus from going to Buddha's temple, but, on the contrary, enjoin upon them _Hindus prothe recollection of Buddha as the first from the former thing to be done on waking up.—(" In the beginning only. of the Kali-Yuga, the Jina-suta named Buddha will make his appearance in the lands of Kikata. In every Yuga or Age he comes to restore order among men when the wicked get the upper hand. He who, every day morning and evening, reverentially recites his birth-story is freed from all afflictions."3 the dawn of the Kali-Yuga, the Jina-suta named Buddha will make his appearance in the lands of Kikata. From him has sprung up all this creation. He is to be reverentially worshipped with all sacred

¹ See below, p. 37; p. 41.

² See above: p. 8.

³ Bhagavata Purana: 1-3-24 to 29. (See N).

real meaning of the term in the texts containing it,—especially as those texts themselves contain additional passages which bring out and corroborate this meaning, e.g.—"In every Yuga (or Age) he comes to restore order among men when the wicked get the upper hand;" From him has sprung up all this creation." And these passages are precisely those which are understood to have reference to an Avatāra alone. The term Jina-suta thus meaning an Avatāra and not a Jaina, the text which prohibits the Hindus from going to the Jaina Temples cannot be taken to mean the Temples of Jina-suta or Buddha.

The theory, proposed by some, of two contemporary Buddhas,—one for Hindus and the other for Buddhists,—is altogether (3) The theory of Buddha and fanciful. The plural number in the word a Deutero-Buddha exploded. Kikatesu in all the texts about Iina-suta (e.g., "Buddha nāmnā Jina-suta Kikatesu bhavisyati,"-the Jina-suta named Buddha will be in the lands of Kikata), is very significant for this point. A man cannot be born in a plurality of places at one time. Hence the word "bhavisyati" (i.e., will be) in the said texts does not refer to Sakya Singha's birth but refers to his beginning his career after having

¹ Prinsep: "Indian Antiquities," Vol. II. (Useful Tables, p. 164);—Prof. Wilson in the Oriental Magazine for 1825;—Patel's Chronology. (See N).

in the authoritative Hindu work called the Vishnu Purana. The Nārada Pancha-rātra also puts it thus: "Buddha fascinated the ideas of the atheists by the doctrine of Universal Nothingness; he thus beguiled them away from the Vedas, and, by so doing, preserved the Vedas from destruction and interpolation at their hands. He gave to all exactly according to their deserts. He preserved the Vedas for the good of the believers, while confirming the atheists in their own atheistical philosophy."2 The Tantrasara says that to deprive the wicked of their strength, Buddha doctrine of devised the apparently irrefutable Nihilism.3 In the Lalita Vistara occurs the following: "He put an end to all troubles by taking up the doctrine of Nihilism and of the consequent Non-existence of the Soul."4 It should be noted that Buddha based his doctrine of Nihilism for the atheists upon texts of the Vedas which apparently have a Nihilistic . meaning, but really have their bearing upon the Vedic doctrine of Māya.5 On this count, he has been called

Sariraka Bhasya:—2-4-I. (See N).

¹ Vishnu Purana 3-18-15 ff. (See N).

⁽See N). 2 Narada Pancha-ratra, 4-3-156 to 159.

³ Tantrasāra, Ch. 4; in the hymn to Vishnu, verse 9.

⁵ Cf. Rig Veda Samhita:—10-72-2; 10-129-7. Chhandogya 4 Lalita Vistara, Ch. 12. (See N). . Taittiriya Upanishad: -2-7. Cf. the Upanishad: -6-2-1;

"It is God Himself-Who makes one do the right thing whom He wishes to elevate. It is God Himself Who makes one do the wrong thing whom He wishes to hurl into ruin," Hence the supposition that Buddha is under a religious ban to the Hindus for preaching a false doctrine to the atheists is unsupportable; especially as the texts which describe him as the deluder of the wicked do not disparage him on that account but enjoin his worship all the more for that.2 The Buddhawho preserved the Vedas from the hands of the atheists by diverting them into another doctrine, is verily the one and the same personality who is to be worshipped with all due honours and ceremonies by the Hindus also, according to the authority of their own sacred codes. This refutes the theory of a Deutero-Buddha proposed to explain the existence of Nihilistic teachings in Buddhism, which is supposed to be otherwise inexplicable. The Prince Sākya Singha who was born at Kapilavāstu as a Bodhisattwa (or one destined to

^{· 1} Kaushitaki Upanishad:—3-9. (See N).

² Bhagavata Purana 1-3-24 ff; the same 10-40-22; Garuda Purana 1-2-32; the same 1-149-39; Kurma Purana 10-48; Vayu Purana 30-225. (See N).

See N).

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Kikata subsequently received the name of Bihar from the extraordinary number of monasteries (called Vihāras in the native tongue) which sprang up there when Buddhism had its day.1

Another erroneous supposition is that the land of Bihar was long under the sway of Foreign Buddhists. The supposition has its root in the word Magadha, which is another name for the province of Bihar,—and which is wrongly (4) Magadha supposed to have been derived from the never owned Maugs or Burmese, who, in their turn, are supposed to Buddhist sway. have governed it. The word Magadha, however, as a name of Kikata or Bihar, is derived from the large number of Magas, a sect of Brahmanas (called also Sākadwipins), who lived exclusively in that province. As a proof of this it may be pointed out that the name Magadha was current before the time of Buddha as

¹ As has been pointed out by Vincent Smith and others, there was no such thing as Bude hist period in the history of India. All the great Buddhist kings of India were Hindus worshipping Buddha. (See N).

As regards Buddha-Gaya, it has always been in Hindu hands. The Ceylon Bhikshus who lived in the Temple were Hindus of the Buddhist (or, more properly, the Vaishnava) sect. In 1795, the Hindus owned it; and a little later, a mission from Tamasā-dwipa-mahā-āmarāpurā-pāigu, sent by Mahā-dharmarāja, found it completely in the hands of the Hindus.¹ "The Hindu Sannyāsis have held the place for over five centuries."²

¹ Hamilton: "Ruins of Buddha-Gaya;" 1823; p. 1.

² Record by the Government of Bengal in the Buddha-Gaya Temple Case of 1894; p. 32.

difference with the other Hindu sects,1—in the same manner as the worship of Rāma or of Krishna is represented by a sectarian division which is devoted to the one or the other, but which is none the less within the pale of orthodox Hinduism for that. Its Tantric character up to the present time is borne out by its employment of incantations (or mantras

The points of difference which originally distinguished Buddhism were not such as would require its expulsion from Hinduism; such points arose at a much later period and were not intended by the founder. (Rhys Davids,—"Buddhism," 1910, p. 84).

It may be noted here that the later works on Buddhism disclose a greater diversity of sects within it than the earlier ones. There are evidences that Christian tenets found their way into some sects of the Buddhists. (See the life of Tsong-ka-pa in "Huc's Travels," Vol. II, Ch. 2, esp. p. 51). A parallel to the Christian Saint who was "never guilty of washing his feet" is to be found in the Buddhist sect of the "Apagata-pada-mrakshana" (those who never washed their feet). (See N). But even in the life-time of Buddha differences of opinion existed among his followers. (See above, p. 41, foot-note 2). And it was for this reason that soon after Buddha's death, two meetings of the Buddhist Bhikshus took place, viz., one at Rajagriha, the other at Vaisali. The former fixed the canon exactly as it was delivered by the Buddha; the latter expunged everything that digressed from the fixed canon. See the Cullavagga (Kulavarga), Books XI and XII. [Cf. Sandor Csoma Korosi: "Different systems of Buddhism: from Tibetan Authorities" (Journal of the Asiatic Society, Bengal, 1838, Vol. VII). Cf. also David: "The Buddhism of the Buddha and Modernist Buddhism" (Buddhist Review, 1911, Vol. III, p. 18)].

(It may be remarked here that even in the Vedas there are different Sākhās or Recensions by different Rishis belonging to the same Samhitā-School).

¹ Cf. Max Muller,—"Buddhism originally a Brahmanic sect" (Anthropological Religion, Gifford Lectures, p. 34).

altogether meaningless and unintelligible to all except those versed in the mysteries of the Hindu Religion.

¹ In Vedic Mysticism, it is declared that the Sacred Fire can make the gods visible to the naked eyes. (See Rig Veda Samhita, Khila Suktas 28-6). (See N). It is said that when a god actually appears in the Fire, he holds up one hand in the manner of saving "no fear" to the devotee, while with the other he seems ready to offer some boon to the same. This attitude distinguishes the real god from hallucinations. The Hindu Yogins hold that by meditation of a god in this attitude one can make him assume this attifude and receive from him a boon (bara) and a blessing (abhaya). In the Brihannaradiya Purana (Ch. 2, ver. 39), it is said that Yogins behold in their Yoga the Buddha in this attitude. (See N). These images of Buddha were, therefore, made by the Hindus; for the Hindus alone believe in the said Mystic doctrine. Other forms of images, too, namely, those representing the Dhyani Buddhas in the various postures of Padmāsana (sitting with legs crossing each other), of Nāsāgradristi (eyes fixed on the tip of the nose), or of Prānāyāma (breath held in suspension),-all answer to the directions given by the Yoga and Tantra of the Hindus for carrying on the process of meditation. All this, undoubtedly, tends to prove that originally the Hindus began the worship of the Buddha in their own way. Even the Barābudur at Java contains Buddha's images of this Barābhayada description,-as pointed out by Foucher in his "Beginnings of Buddhist Art," p. 256. (See also Karl With: "Java," plates 9-12).

The Mudrās, or postures of the hands, shown in the images of Buddha, were all strictly Hinduistic in their origin. Cf. Burgess: "Buddhist Mudras" (Indian Antiquary, 1897, Vol. XXVI, p. 24). For plates of Mudrās, see Hoffmann: "Nippon Buddha Pantheon." Cf. Frankfurter: "The Attitudes of the Buddha." (Journal, Siam Society, Bangkok, 1913, Vol. X, part 2, pp. 1-35). [Marco Polo speaks of the origin and spread of idolatry outside India through Buddhism. (See pp. 317-319 of Vol. II of Cordier's Edition of the Travels,—Book III, Ch. 15.) Cf. the Islamic term "Boot" for idol, and "Bcot-kādoh,"—Pagoda,—for Buddhist Temple, probably derived from "Boot," the Muhammadan name of Buddha. (Cf. Prinsep's "Useful Tables:" p. 229 of Vol. II of his Antiquities)].

superficial study of Buddhism, the whole thing, taken as a complete system by itself, would (2)-Internal seem to be inadequate or defective in evidences. many salient points. Buddhism deals with moral precepts mainly, and even these moral precepts are not so much intended for householders as for ascetics (or monks). It is a code of Monastic Ethics, in which questions concerning the sanctity of marriage, the responsibilities of the individual, the obligations of society, the mutual duties of subjects and kings, the problems of God, of free-will and of immortality,questions which any complete religious system must take cognizance of,-are passed by altogether or treated with an apparent indifference.1 It cannot be argued that Buddhism professes indifference to these questions; for, as Kant has said, it is vain to profess indifference to those questions to which the mind of man can never really be indifferent.2 The whole thing, however, becomes clear when it is understood that Buddhism originally was only a reformation of Hinduism. Buddha set himself only the task reforming the corruptions which had crept

¹ This point was suggested by Dr. B. M. Barua in his Lectures at the Dharmarājika Vihāra of the Bauddhacharya Dharmapala Cf. Vāchaspati Misra,—Tātparya-tika, p. 300 ff. (See N).

² Quoted by James Seth in the Problem of God,—p. 391 of his "Ethical Principles."

In course of time, however, the Hindu worshippers

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of Buddha began to admit foreigners within their sect; and then followed a series of sectarian struggles with the orthodox community,—of priestly oppositions, of doctrinal attacks, and, finally,

of regal and authorised persecutions,3—which ended not only in Buddhism being regarded as a degenerate and heterodox religion but in its totally disappearing from the native soil of India, leaving only feeble traces here and there.4 But although Buddhism in its

¹ For example, those of Bhatta Kumarila Swamin.

² For example, those of Acharya Sankara Swamin.

² For example, those of Shashānka, the king of Karnasuvarna. It is doubtful whether the Buddhists were ever persecuted by the Hindus. Sankara, however, never persecuted the Buddhists,—his chief contention being with the Ritualistic School of Brahmans represented by Mandana Misra.—See "Buddhism in its Relationship with Hinduism," by the Bauddhacharya Dharmatala, p. 11].

⁴ The worship of Dharma, Dharmarāja, Dharma-Thākur, Dharma-Vaijayanti, etc., prevailing in some of the lower classes of the Hindus is a survival of this degenerate form of Buddhism. [Cf. Haraprasad Sastri: "Buddhism in Bengal since the Muhammadan conquest." (Journal of the Asiatio, Society, Bengal; 1895, Vol. LXIV). For unavowed, veiled, or crypto-Hindu Buddhists, see Nagendranath Basu,—"The Modern Buddhism and its Followers in Orissa." As for the survival of Buddhism in India, and for Dharma-worship, see the Census of India, 1901, Vol. I, part I, p. 263-371].

systematised by Nāgārjuna in India and by Padmapāni outside India.¹ Being now degenerate and prevalent among aliens and foreigners only, to whom it is practically confined, Buddhism is wrongly supposed to have been anti-Vedic in its origin. On this supposition rests the erroneous notion that Buddha cause of electory was ejected out of Hinduism, together with his religion, for speaking against the Vedas. True, Buddha spoke against the Vedas; but he spoke against only that portion of the Vedas which advocated the slaughter of animals and had

but he spoke against only that portion of the Vedas which advocated the slaughter of animals and had degenerated into a religion of elaborate rituals and outward formalities.² Now, as regards the said portion of the Vedas, it has been denounced before him by other

I Padmapāni, the formulator of "Om mani padmė hum," is also known as Avalokiteshwara (or, in Biblical language, one who has had the vision of the Ancient of Days). Nāgārjuna is not admitted by all to have appeared as yet. The new systematization was thoroughly Tāntric in its character and gave rise to the modern Buddhist Tantras, which, strangely enough, are accepted by Hindus also. A sect of these Buddhist Tāntrikas regards the Hindu Deity, Siva, as Avalokita and his consort as Tārā" the Saviouress." (See Taranath's "History of Buddhism," Ch. 10. Cf. the Article by Waddell in the Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society, London, 1894, pp. 51-89). (See N).

² Padma Purana, Kriyakhanda: 6-188; Bhagavata Purana: II-4-22; Sankara Vijaya: I2-8; Gita-Govindam:—Hymn to the Atatāras. (See N).

anti-Vedic. It has been proclaimed to the world to hasten its destruction. This doctrine of Māyā is a false philosophy; verily, it is Buddhism in disguise. It has been preached by the Destructive Power in the guise of a Brahmana of the Kali Age (namely, Sankarāchārya).1 But, although thus disparaged for having dared criticise a portion of the Vedas, Sankarāchārya was never ejected out of Hinduism for that. On the contrary, up till now he has always been regarded as one of the foremost of the leaders of orthodox Hinduism based upon the World-old Religion of the Vedas. In like manner, and equally with Sankarāchārya, Buddha was disparaged for having raised his voice against a portion of the Vedas, but he was never ejected from Hinduism for having done that. The cause of the ejection of his followers is due to reasons which developed in his religion, as has been already said, at a later time long after Buddha had passed away. Very properly, therefore, it might be has Buddha never been held that not Buddha but the Buddhists ejected by Hindus:--the only, as they stood at a later time, Buddhists have been. were the thing that was ejected by the

¹ Padma Purana. (Quoted by Vijnana Bhikshu in his commentary on the Sānkhya Philosophy). (See N).

such as relaxed discipline, overgrowth of monasticism, etc."1

"Atheism is certainly not the common teaching of —Rev. Dr. K.M. all Buddhists, for a sect among them ac-Banerji. knowledge a self-existent Deity whom they call Adi Buddha. Nor do they positively deny the existence of the soul. It is impossible to charge

¹ Smith: - Cyclopædia of Names (Article "Buddha"). Undoubtedly, Buddhists were persecuted by the Hindus, especially during the reign of King Shashānka. [Cf. Rhys Davids: "Persecution of the Buddhists in India." (Journal of the Pali Text. Society of London; 1896). Also cf. Journal of Asiatic Society, Bengal; 1854, p. 472; and Sherring's "Benares," p. 268-270]. But mere persecution can never be the cause of the disappearance of any religion. The Buddhists were not persecuted by the Hindus more than the Hindus have been persecuted by the Muhammadans through unending ages; and vet the religion of the Hindus is still periectly intact. The decline and fall of Buddhism in India must therefore be ascribed to causes other than mere persecution, for persecution too often strengthens a faith rather than destroy it, as the history of Christianity shows. The effect of persecutions, especially of these by Muhammadans, was to put a stop to the influx of Buddhist Foreigners coming to India to visit the Temple and other places of their pilgrimage. (History of the Temple, in Journal of the Mahabodhi Society, Vol. XXIX, No. 9;—Anagarika H. Dharmapala).

²Cf. Wright: "History of Nepal" (Buddhist Recension), Chapter I. [Cf. the name of a sect of Buddhists, viz., Sarvāstivādins, (or All-believers) (Pali Text Society Journal, 1904-1995, p. 67, London).]

"Hindrism, therefore, was contained in the Mexic. Distant of Buddhism and the great was not to object of Gautama's advent was not to uproof the old religion but to purify it from error and restore.it."

"Buddes can hardly be said to have intended to found a new religion. He was unwilling to discuss whereast questions occording the nature of God or the soul, the infinity of the universe, and so forth holding that such discussions are unprofitable. Without formally denying the existence of Almighty God, the Creator, he ignored Him."

"Bride was seeking a way of deliverance. He

I Sir Harier Williams: "Buddlism," p. 200. In the Tvishya Jäneka, the study of the Vedas is recommended with the practice of the Dharma as the true Endillism of the bouseholder. (See Sarat Chandra Das: "Indian Pandits in the Land of Snow;" p. Sp. So in several Endillish works, as British Dharma Purana, etc. it is membrated that a time of degeneration will come when the Endillism shall cease to regard the Vedas. This admits that it is the duty of Endillism to regard the Vedas.

^{*} Vincent A. Smith :—"The Owind History of India:"
p. 54-55. Gi. "Stabilia numbers denies an India: First Cause"
("Prajud Paramina-amina"—in the Introductory hymn to the
Astasalization'; —Waddell: "Endfine's Secret" (Journal of the
Engal Asiano Society, Lundon, 1894, p. 584).

human; and that, detached from connection with the general scheme of the universe, the aspirations of mankind cannot be held at the level at which the Buddha wished to keep them. What nearer and better course was there for his followers than to satisfy their cravings by turning the Buddha himself into a divinity? Gradually this belief made its way, and changed Buddhism from a code of ethics into a religious organization."

Gautama was an enemy to Hinduism.

This is not the case. Gautama was born, and brought up, and lived, and died a typical Indian. He had but little quarrel with the religion that did prevail. His purpose was to build it up, to strengthen it, not to destroy it. The differences (between him and other teachers) are probably much more apparent now than they were then, and by no means deprived him of the support and sympathy of the best among the Brahmins. Many of his chief disciples, many of the most distinguished members of his Order, were Brahmins. Neither Gautama nor the great body of the Brahmins believed the two systems to be

¹ Dr. Richard Gottheil, Ph. D. (Director of the New York Public Library), in the Bulletin of the Library, 1916, Vol. XX, p. 114.

Brahmanic ideas is repeatedly shown in his teachings. He had a way, however, of clothing old ideas in a new dress, which proved very attractive to his followers. His sympathy with much of the teachings of the Upanishads was very strong. In its earliest phase Buddhism was not a religion; but merely a system of philosophy. The doctrines of Buddhism have found their origin upon Indian soil and in the earlier creeds of the Hindus. The principal theories of Buddhism lived in India long before Gautama's time. He took the thoughts of the few and promulgated them among the many. Although he did not wish to abolish caste as a social institution still he disregaded the exclusiveness of the priests and addressed himself to all classes, and hence Buddhism was a reaction against Brahmanism even while retaining much of its faith."1.

It has been said before that Buddha was not much given to fighting with his opponents, and that he often confirmed the atheists in their own views as the best way of converting them into theism.² But even when

¹ Elizabeth A. Reed:—"Primitive Buddhism," pp. 25, 183 ff, 198 ff, 204.

² For true explanation of this fact see above, p. 37 ff. Even the Sautrāntikas, themselves a sect of Buddhists, maintain that Buddha when teaching the Sunyatā (or Nihilism) was directed by principles of conciliatory policy (Upāyakaushalya).—See La Vallée Poussin: "On the authority of Buddhist Agamas" (Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society, London, 1902, p. 374, foot-note).

(66 ₎ identify Rāma with Buddha, and regard the Yoga-Vāsistha as a classical-work of the Buddhists."2

Now, to bring the whole thing to its proper and natural conclusion, Buddha proclaimed that he had discovered the Path to Will In Buddhism. Salvation, and he exhorted all people to be their own lights on the path.3 And, just at the time of his final passing away, he spoke to his favourite disciple, Ananda, saying that the true Path to Salvation consists not in worshipping the Buddha with hymns and offerings but in devoutly fulfilling all the greater and the lesser duties of life,

¹ Cf. Fausboll: "The Dasaratha-Jātaka, or the Buddhist story of King Rāma" (Kopenhagen, 1871).

² Viharilala Mitra, the translator into English of the Yoga Vāsistha, in his fragments called "Mitra-Rahasya." (See his "Secrets of the Law: "Ch. I, § 2, p. 7). (The author of the Yoga-Vāsistha is said to be the same as that of the Rāmāyana, viz., Vālmiki).

³ Mahaparinirvana Sutra, Ch. 2, § 33. This, undoubtedly, demands the exercise of the will-power by regular acts, e.g., by prayer and devotion. The term "negation of the will," as used in Buddhism, is a misnomer: it should be "negation of desires." The negation of desires is not negation of the will, but rather the highest effort of the will-power,—the salvation-bringing act, the last action without further reaction,—which sets the Spirit free from the impositions of matter and mind. (Mukti, Nirvāna, Excelsior, Perfection): (See N). "Buddha's Metaphysics appears to be based on Will. Schopenhauer indeed admits the affinity of his theory with Buddhism." [See Waddell: "Buddha's Secret from a sixth century commentary." (Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society, London, 1894, p. 382). Cf. Mrs. Rhys Davids: "On the Will in Buddhism " (Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society, London 1898, p. 47); Cf. also Mrs. Rhys Davids: "On the Culture of the Will in Buddhism " (Transactions of the International Congress of Orientalists; Paris, 1899,—Section 1, p. 143 ff.)].



(or right to be) in the fact that it is the force of righteousness,1—the force which enables the individual to live his life upon Earth. Philosophy upholds the principle of righteousness as the basis of the kingdom of moral restraint, while Religion upholds the principle of love as the basis of the kingdom of beautiful freedom. This is the conflict of Philosophy and Religion,—of justice and forgiveness, of utility and beauty; and herein are to be found the roots of all the contradictions of life, and of all its dire tragedies. The conflict of justice and forgiveness often seems so pronounced that some have even looked upon charity as the negation of morality.2 It must, however, be admitted by all that love is the force of attraction; and, as such, it is

¹ Righteousness implies hatred towards wrong. In the neverending fight of good against evil, hatred shall always retain its place. There is a world of thoughts in the old adages: "Sparing the wicked is killing the virtuous"; "Let him who loves peace prepare for war." The poet sings the same thing thus:—

[&]quot;Yes! mangre all thy dreams of peace still
must the fight unfair be fought;
Where thou mayst learn the noblest lore
to know that all we know is nought."

^{-{}The Kasidah of Abdul Yezdi, translated by Burton).

² E.g.,—Huxley, in his "Prolegomena to Evolution and Ethics"; p. 32. Cf. Mahābhārata, Rajadharma: 15-49. (See N).

as soon as due revenge is taken, has been found to fall short of its purpose; for hatred, like all other passions, grows by feeding upon victims. Buddha means this when he says: "Hatred does not cease by hatred at any time; hatred ceases by love: this is its nature."2 True it is that forgiveness is often a masked form of fear; and a more despicable creature than the weak, timid saint cannot be imagined. All the religions of the world therefore inculcate hatred towards wrong,3 and even Buddhism represents the gods and goddesses as armed with weapons to defend the right.4. But, provided that it is not prompted by motives of weakness, love has its raison d' etre as much as hatred has its. People who are prone to hate would be the best workers of the world if the fire of their hatred were quenched and their energies set free for nobler undertakings.5 To quench this fire of hatred,

¹ Life for life, tooth for tooth, etc. (Bible: Exodus xxi, 24).

² Dhammapada 1-5.

³ The Vedas say: "God adjusted hatred towards the false" (White Yajur-Veda 19-77; Taittiriya Brahmana 2-6-2-3). Cf. Bible: Amos v, 15; Job xl, 11 ff.—Koran: Surah 22, ver. 40. The same thing is advocated by the Gita and the Durga of the Hindus, and also by all the great Epics of the world, e.g., the Rāmāyana, Mahābhārata, Iliad, etc.

⁴ Cf. Socrates: "If the Rulers of the universe do not prefer the just man to the unjust, it is better to die than to live." (See James Seth: Ethical Principles, the Problem of God, p. 421).

⁵ To them may be applied what Shakespeare says in his sonnets:

[&]quot;Some fierce thing replete with too much rage, Whose strength's abundance weakens his own heart." "Making a famine where abundance lies, Thyself thy foe, to thy sweet self too cruel."

Thus he enunciates it: "Believing in his own guiltiness (or karma) a man can easily bear his sufferings at the hands of others as the mete retribution of his own acts; but him I call the true saint who, armed with the strength of unshakable forgiveness, submits to the extreme penalties of the fetters and the gallows without the least feeling of hatred towards his enemies, although fully conscious of his own perfect guiltlessness." The mellow tone of this all-forgiving love pervades the whole range of Buddhistic literature, and fills its melodies with a sweetness that is redolent of the days of innocence and artless simplicity. No wonder, therefore, that Buddhism found its way to the Poles and the Antipodes;—for, erring humanity everywhere

The Sacred Maya Stone of Mexico, however, is not Buddhistic in its origin;—Maya being the name of the dialect in which an inscription on the stone was written. So also Guatemala does not derive its name from Guatama;—the word "gua" meaning a "place" as in Nicaragua, Antigua, etc. [See the "Sacred Maya Stone of Mexico," by Dr. Parry. In the History of Guatemala by Don Juarros a different derivation is also given].

¹ Dhammapada: 26-17. (See N).

² E.g.,—the stories in the Avadāna-kalpalatā. [Ci. Lloyd: "Buddhism, the Religion of Love." (Buddhist Review: London. 1910, Vol. II). [Ci. Dr. Wilson: "Cave-temples of Western India," Ch. 9, § 2:—"A common designation of Buddhism on the cave inscriptions being 'the religion of mercy'"].

² Cf. the "Thera-Gāthās" and the "Theri-Gāthās."

⁴ Cf. Holmboe: "Traces of Buddhism in Norway before the introduction of Christianism." (Paris). Also cf. Alphonse Germain: "Buddhism in ancient Mexico, according to recent discoveries" (Etudes Franciscaines; Paris; 1905; Vol. XIII). The Saint Josephat of the Christians or Yudasatf of the Arabs is the same as the Bodhisattwa (Buddha). [Cf. the story of Barlaam and Josephat by John of Damascus; and see Liebrecht's "Jahrbuch".

most prolific cause of madness, murder, suicide, remorse,—of ruin of body and wreck of mind.1

The word Dharma or Religion, by its very derivation, means that which holds together. The Universe is held together by the law of attraction, and love is the highest form of this attraction, inasmuch as it is the conscious form. Therefore love is the highest religion, and this establishes the truth of the saying: "Ahinsā paramo dharma." (See Postscript on p. 148 fi.)

^{1 &}quot;Plato says very finely that a man should not allow himself to hate even his enemies: because, says he, if you indulse this passion on some occasions, it will rise of itself on others; if you hate your enemies. You will contract such a vicious habit of mind as by degrees will break out upon those who may be even your triends of those who are indifferent to you. I might here observe how admirably this precept of morality, which derives the malignity of hatred from the passion itself, not from its object, answers to that great rule which was dictated to the world a thousand years before the philosopher wrote; but instead of that I shall only take notice with real grief of heart that the minds of many good men among us seem soured by paltry principles, and alienated from one another in such a manner as seems to me altogether inconsistent with the dictates either of reason or religion." (See N).

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Mundaka Upanishad, 2-2-5:-

"तमेवैकं ज्ञानय खात्मानमन्या वाचो विसुद्धय खम्दतस्य सेतः ।"

Note 2. Chhandogya Upanishad, 6-1-3:-

"चैन...चिवजातं विजातं (भवति)।"

Brihadaranyaka Upanishad, 4-5-6:-

"चातानि...विज्ञाते इदं सर्वं विदितम् !"

The Bible references:—

"There is a spirit in man." (Job xxxii, 8);

"The spirit of man is the candle of the Lord." (Proverbs xx, 27);

"And the spirit shall return unto God." (Ecclesiastes xii, 7);

"God is a spirit, and they that worship him must worship him in spirit." (John iv, 24);

"In the spirit he speaketh the mysteries." (I Corinthians xiv, 2).

Note 3. In the Religion of the Avesta, Ahura Mazda is the pure spirit (Brahma of the Vedas); Spenta Manyus is the element of light or knowledge (pure mind, Iswara); Angra Manyus is the element of darkness or ignorance (the impure mind, Maya). This element of ignorance has the power of

of the Heavens and of the Earth! Who employeth the Angels as envoys."

Surah 42-50, 52: "It is not for man that God should speak with him but by vision, or from behind a veil: or, He sendeth a messenger to reveal, by His permission, what He will: for He is Exalted, Wise! Thus have we sent the Spirit (Gabriel) to thee with a revelation, by our command."

Surah 2-91: "Say: Whoso is the enemy of Gabriel—for he it is who by God's leave hath caused the Koran to descend on thy heart, the confirmation of previous revelations—shall have God as his enemy."

Surah 42-52: (Just quoted above).

Surah 53-1: "The Koran is no other than a revelation revealed to him: One terrible in power taught it him, endued with wisdom" (i.e., the Angel Gabriel).

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Note 1. Cf. Rig Veda (the opening):-

"चिंद्रिमींडे एरोव्हितम्।" I salute fire the spiritual guide.

Mahabharata, Banaparva, 200-13:—

"गावं वेदमयां छला तार्यान्त तर्नत च।"

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This supernatural fire was renewed at the dedication of the Temple by Solomon (II Chronicles vii, I), and at the restoration of God's worship among the ten tribes by Elijah. (I Kings xviii, 38; cf. also I Kings xix, I2: "And after the fire a still small voice").

When the Altar was moved from place to place, the burning embers were taken from it and carried in some vessel kept for the purpose. (Numbers iv, 13).

God showed himself to Isaiah, Ezekiel, and John in the midst of fire. (Isaiah vi, 4-5; Ezekiel i, 4; Revelation i, 13-15).

It is said that He will so appear at His second coming. (II Thessalonians i, 8).

The descent of the Holy Spirit was denoted by the appearance of lambent flames or tongues of fire. (Acts ii, 3).

Daniel says: "A fiery stream issued, and came forth before Him" (the Ancient of Days). (Daniel vii, 10).

And He led His people Israel through the desert under the form of a pillar of fire. (Exodus xiii, 21).

Note 4. The word Seraphim in Hebrew literally means "burning beings." (Isaiah, Ch. vi).

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Purport:—The Sacred Fire will bring down upon the earth not only the gods, but with them the goddesses also.

Note 2. Rig Veda, 1-140-1:--

"वेदिषदे प्रियधामाय...प भरा योनिमस्ये।"

The same, 3-5-7:—

"चा योनिमिम्हितवन्तमस्थात्।"

It is worth noticing that there is no. mysticism in shaping the vessel of the burning Ghrita into the Yoni-like triangular figure. The reason for doing so is that drops falling from above produce concentric circular waves on the burning Ghrita which upset and gradually put out the fire if the containing vessel is a circular one. But when the vessel is a triangular one, the circular waves strike and break against the sides of the vessel before they could reach the corners; and thus the three corners, left perpetually burning, maintain the heat necessary to prevent the fire from going out. This was the original cause which led to give preference to the triangle-shape for all Kundas or places of the Sacred Fire.

series of one hundred separate beads on the string for counting incantations (Mālājapa) had its origin in the hundred-drops regulation of the flow of Ghrita (Satabraja).

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Rig Veda, 10-108: The Story of Saramā and the Panis, especially Mantra II:—
"Let the Panis (perhaps, Pan-worshippers) go away to a great distance";
"दूरमित पगयो वरीयः।" They had begun their depredations as early as the time of the Rig Veda.

Mahabharata, Banaparva, 228-5:-

" रहमियम् उमां खाद्याम् प्रदेशेषु महावलम् । यजन्ति पुत्रकामास्त्र पुत्रिगास्त्र सदा जनाः ॥"

The same, 229-27, 31:--

" बहमसिं दिजाः प्राज्ञः।"

" रुदस्य वहेः खाचायाः वसां स्त्रीगाञ्च भारत।"

Purport:—Rudra, the Lingam, is Agni or Fire, and Umā his wife, the Yoni, is the "power of producing the gods" (the Swāhā or libation of Ghrita to the Fire).

The term गोद्यध्यजः (one whose ensign is cow and bull) applied to the Lingam (Siva) has its proper meaning when the Lingam is understood to be the symbol of the Sacred Fire, which depends solely or [P. 6 (cont.)]

butter (offered to the fire) is known in mysticism as the tongue of the gods and the secret of attaining immortality."

"The Sacred Fire is that which can guide us by the way of holiness (Supathā); it is that which can make us clean of all sins, in other words, make us fit to pass over the way of holiness (Yuyodhyasmat juhuranam enaḥ); it is that which can, by reason of its possessing all intelligences through having connexion with the Devas (Visvāni vayunāni vidvān), do the proper guidance (so that the way-faring men, though fools, shall not err therein); and thus we shall be all on the way to obtain joy and gladness (rāyè)."

[Texts:—"मा गामनागामदितिं विधरः।" "ष्टतस्य नाम गुद्धं यदित्त जिद्धा देवानामस्तरस्य नामिः।" "स्रग्ने नय सपथा रायेऽस्मान् विश्वानि देव वयुनानि विद्वान्। युयोध्यस्मञ्जूडरायमेनो भूयिष्ठां ते नम उत्तिं विधेम॥"— Rig Veda Samhita, 8-101-15, 4-58-1, 1-189-1].

Thus the High Way of Isaiah (xxxv, 8) is the same as the Holy-path (Supatha) of the Rig Veda (1-189-1); and the Bible's prophecy of the protection of the cow (Isaiah vii, 21) corresponds to the Veda's

Note 2. Chaitya (Lexicon) :—"चेंव्यमाच्याधिवासनम्" इति वैज्ञानतीं, Vaijayanti, 3-6-90. In the Vaijayanti of Yādava, the word

Chaity a has been taken to mean "clearing the clarified butter (Ghrita)." (Oppert's Edn., p. 90 and p. 497). This has direct reference to the worship of the sacred fire with butter libation. Cf. Panini, Astadhyayi, 3-1-132:— " चिवागिचिवे च", from which चैवा।

Cj. Mugdhabodha, Bohtlingk's Edu., St. Petersburg, 26-11.

Note 2. The Buddhist Suttas (Rhys Davids):— "In great numbers, Ananda, are the gods of the ten world-systems assembled together to behold the Tathagata. For twelve leagues, Ananda, around the Sāla Grove of the Mallas, the Upavattana of Kusinārā, there is no spot in size even as the pricking of the point of the tip of a hair which is not pervaded by powerful spirits" And again: "There are spirits,

Ananda, in the sky." "There are spirits, Ananda, on the earth." (Mahaparinirvana Sutra, pp. 88-89). In the Dharma. chakra-pravartana Sutra, several heavens

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प्रवाजायते। यतो गोत्रात् पीर्वका बोधिसत्त्वा स्रभूवन्। तत्र गोने प्रवानायते।"

Ramayana, Balakanda, 14-12:—

"ब्राह्मणा भुञ्जते निर्वं नाथवन्तस्य भुञ्जते ।

तापसा भुञ्जते चापि श्रमगासैव सुञ्जते ॥"

Page 18. Note 1. Lalita Vistara, Ch. 25 (towards the end); cf. the Variants in Lefmann:— "क्ष भगवान्धर्म चर्ना प्रवत्तीयष्यसीति...वारायास्यास्टिष-पतने म्हगदावे।"

Note 1.

" पौराम ऋषीमासिच्चालयवरा वारामसी नाम वरा। देवनागाभिष्ठुतो महीतलो धर्माभिनिझः सदा॥"

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Vedic Text (well-known):— "मा हिंस्यात् सर्वा भूतानि।"— (quoted in Sridhara's commentary on the Bhagavadgita, 18-3).

" यहिंसा परमो धर्मः"—Mahabharata:

Adiparva, 11-13; Anusasanaparva, 115-1, 115-25, 116-38; Aswamedhaparva, 43-21.

Note 2. The Vedic Text:— "सेतृंत्तर दुत्तरान्। चन्नोधन क्रोधम्।" (Sama Veda, 1-6-1-9). [P. 19 (cont.)]

Note 4. "Buddhism, like Christianity, makes much of the next world. Its rapid acceptance by Asiatic peoples was in large measure due to its spirituality, to its emphasis on a future life, and to its denial of final significance in the everyday life one lives. The true character of the Buddhism of a country is, therefore, illustrated in its dealings with those who die." (Saunders: Buddhism and Buddhists in Southern Asia, p. 44). .

"The belief that after death the departed spirits roam about enjoying the fruits of their good and bad deeds here upon earth, is one of the central ideas of the Buddhist faith, and a treatise dealing with spirits and the spirit-world, Petavatthu, is included in the Pāli sacred canon." (Law: Buddhist Conception of Spirits, p. 1).

This Buddhist belief in the survival of the soul is purely Vedic in its origin. "The belief in the existence of departed ancestors, and the presentation of offerings to them have always formed a part of Hindu domestic religion. To gratify this persistent belief, Buddhism recognised

Several passages attest to Buddha's acquirement of an extraordinary degree of concentration. A loud thunder falling close to him would not be noticed by him. Overcome with bodily sufferings he would plunge himself into such deep meditation that they could not make themselves felt by him. (Mahaparinirvana Sutra, Ch. 4, § 41 and Ch. 2, § 32).

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Note 2. Amarakosha, 1-1-1-9:-

"सर्वज्ञः सुगतो बुद्ध * * अदयवादी विनायकः।

It should be noted that the Amarakosha is regarded as a Buddhist work, the author having been a worshipper of the Buddha.

Vaijayanti, 1-1-34:—

" प्राच्यो सुनिरद्वयवाद्यपि । "

Halayudha, 1-85:—

'' * * वुद्धः प्राक्यक्तयागतः सुगतः । मारजिटद्वयवादी त्तमनाभदः।"

ote 3. Taittiriya Upanishad, 2-1 :—

" सर्व ज्ञानमननं ब्रह्म।"

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to enter into Nirvana must mean to be extinguished and absorbed into space. But that can never be the right meaning of it according to Buddha's own teaching. 'Buddha was once asked by a man: What is Nirvana?—and Buddha answered

him saying: Nirvana is the destroying of all desires.''' (From the Kanjur,—or Bkah-Hgyur,—translated by Rev. Mr. Webber and quoted by Lord Dunmore in

"The Pamirs," Vol. I, pp. 122-124). Those who wish to derive the meaning of Nirvana from the Buddha's Fire-sermon (Mahavarga, 1-21), should remember that the sermon was not original, but based upon older teachings and must therefore be interpreted in the previously accepted way. Cf. Yoga Vasistha: "To him whose soul is cool, the world is cool; to him whose soul is set on fire by secret desires, the world is on fire"_

''चन्तः भीतनतायां तु नव्यायां भीतनं नगत्।

चन्तस्त्राख्योपतप्तानां दावदा ह्वमर्च जगत्॥''— (quoted in the Jivanmukti-viveka, Ch. 4, by Vidyaranya Swamin).

"Nirvana means nothing but a condition of perfect freedom from desire.". and Mohammedanism, p. 4, foot-note, Revised Edition). The Buddha himself has said: "Certainly, brothers, I teach Annihilation (Nirvana)—the Annihilation, namely, of Greed, Anger, of Delusion, of of the manifold evil, unwholesome conditions of the mind." (Majjhima Nikaya and Anguttara Nikaya, II and III).

There is, therefore, no difference between Buddha and the Hindus in the understanding of Nirvana.

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Note 1. Dhammapada, 11-9 (Pali Text):-

"गहकारक दिट्टोसि पुन गेहं न काहासि। सव्या ते फासुका भग्गा गहकूटं विसंखतं। विसङ्खारगतं चित्तं तहानं खयमव्यगा ॥"

[Sans.—ग्रहकारक दृष्टोऽसि एकः गेहं न कर्तासि सर्वाक्ते पार्श्वका भया ग्रहकूटं विसंख्नुतम्। विसंख्तारा चित्तं हणानां चायमध्यगात् 🖟

Purport:—The soul is the creator of the body. (The example of dream may make it intelligible. In dream the real body lies flat, while another and a similar body starts up in the dream and frets about in the dream-land. This dream-body is admittedly a creation of the soul, being nothing more than an internal thing

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" अन्तर्जेच्चं विश्विष्टिः" * * "सा जव्या प्रसादादुरोः।" (The commentator Swatmārāma Swamin says that by this process is held up to the vision of man an image of Shambhu—the Ancient of Days of the Bible—whence it has been named the Shāmbhavi Mudrā).

The Gheranda Samhita, Ch. 3, § 59-62:—

"नेचाञ्चनं समालोक्य स्थात्मारामं निरीक्तयेत्। सा भवेक्शम्भवीमुद्रा सर्वतंचेषु गोपिता॥ स एव व्यादिनाथच्य स च नारायणः खंयम्। स च ब्रह्मा वृद्धिकारों यो मुद्रां वेक्ति शाम्भवीम्॥ सत्यं सत्यं पुनः सत्यं सत्यमुक्तं महेश्वरः। शाम्भवीं यो विजानीयात् स च ब्रह्म न चान्यथा॥"

English Translation:—Fixing the eyes on the space between the two brows, behold the vision of the Ancient of Days. This is the Shāmbhavi Mudra, the secret of Siva, kept concealed in the Books. He who has once experienced this phenomenon, discovers himself to be the creator, the preserver and the destroyer of the Universe. Siva has sworn it thrice that he who has experienced this Shāmbhavi Mudra in himself is the Supreme Soul and not otherwise. With this may be compared the Vedic Text quoted below in Note 2 to p. 63, viz., Satapatha

out by Sankaracharya himself in his commentary to this Upanishad; the knowledge is that of the Spirit: the suffix twā in tirtwā means succession, not simultaniety,—first the one and next the other). Cf. "Excellent is Thorah study together with work; and all Thorah without work must fail at length." (Pirque Aboth, 2-2).

Note 3. Rig Veda, 10-129-4:---

"कामस्तद्ये समवर्त्तताधिमनसो रेतः प्रथमं यदासीत्।"

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Note 2. Original Texts for Buddha being an Avatara of the Hindus.

वुद्धस्याऽवतारत्वविधानम्।

Matsya Purana, 47-247:—
"कर्त्ते धक्तिव्यवस्थानमसुराणां प्रणाणनम्।
वुद्धो नवमको जज्ञे तपसा पुष्करेच्यणः॥"

Kalki Purana, 2-3-26:— "वुद्धावनार्ग्वमसि।"

Vayu Purana, Ekalinga Mahatmya, 12-43,

"मत्यः कूर्न्भो वराच्य नार्रसिं होऽघ वामनः। रामो रामय कृषाय वुद्धः जल्की च ते दग्र॥ 12-8; Gita Govinda (in the hymn to the Avataras); Apāmārjana Stotra (the passage beginning with "मत्यः कूर्मो वराह्य"); Nārada Pancha-ratra (the passage beginning with "बुडो ध्यानितासेषदेव"); Subhāsita Ratnabhāndāgāram (the passage beginning with "बस्रालीयत सस्कासीझ जलधिः"); Hemadri, Brata Khanda. Ch. 15 ("सुडोदनेन बुडोऽस्त् ख्यं सुचो जनाईनः!").]

Purport:—All the texts cited above are from the authoritative Hindu Scriptures. They all declare that Buddha was the ninth incarnation of Narayana, the Supreme Spirit,—the incarnation for the Kali Age. It is hardly necessary to say that the Avatara (incarnation of God) is the highest object of worship among the Hindus, and that Buddha is that object in the present Age.

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Note 1. Bhagavadgita, 4-7, 8:—

"यदा यदा हि धर्मस्य ग्लानिर्भवति भारत । सन्युत्यानमधर्मस्य तदात्मानं स्वनाम्बह्म् ॥ परिचाखाय साधृनां विनाधाय च दुक्कृताम् । धर्मसंस्यापनार्थाय नम्भवामि युगे युगे ॥"

Purport:—When bad times come, wicked men get the upper hand and pervert IP. 26 (cont.)]

Note 2. Lalita Vistara, Ch. 7. In the passage beginning with "तेन च नमचेन चिमनतः," there is a graphic description of Buddha's extraordinary birth, which resembles the birth of the other Avataras (p. 101 of Lefmann's Edition).

Lalita Vistatra, Ch. 15:-

"वच्दृड अभेद्य नाग्यक आत्मभावो गुरुवीर्घवलोपेवः सोऽकस्यः नर्वसत्तोत्तमः" (in the paragraph beginning with "चलार्च सहाराजानो अडक-वर्षो"—p. 202 of Lefmann's Edition).

Yoga Vasistha, Vairagya Prakarana, 26-39:—

"परोपकारकारिण्ण परातिपरितप्तया। वृद्ध एव सुखी मन्ये खात्मशीतनया घिया।"

[Commentary :—"वृद्धः प्रवृद्धतत्त्वपुरुषः !"— भिच्च्छतटौका :]

Mahabharata, Santiparva, 285-32:-

" एतह्द्धा भवेहदः किनचह्दलक्षरम्।"

Mahaparinirvāna Sutra, Ch. 5:-

"Out of reverence for the successor of the Buddhas of old." (Rhys Davids' Translation of the Buddhist Suttas, p. 86).

Lalita Vistara, Ch. 12 (p. 156 of Lefmann's Edition):—

"एम घर्राटमाइन्डे पृत्रेबुडासनस्यः * * * प्राप्यते नोष्टिमञ्जास् ।"

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Note I. According to some, Buddha, born at Kapilavāstu, the abode of Kapila, was the real successor of Kapila, and his system was only the logical outcome of the system of Kapila, called the Sānkhya Philosophy. (Cf. Rajendralala Mitra, in his Preface to the "Yoga Aphorisms of Patanjali," p. v. Cf. also Dr. Hermann Jacobi: Buddhistischen Philosophie zu Shānkhya-Yoga und die Bedeutung der Nidanas, Leipsic; and Colebrooke's Essays, I, p. 93).

Note 2. Original Texts for Buddha's Murtipuja or idolisation.

बुद्धस्य मूर्त्तिपूजाविधानम्।

Linga Purana, 2-48-28 to 33:—

"मत्यः कूर्मोऽय वाराचो नारसिंचोऽय वामनः।
रामो रामच कृषाच बुद्धः कल्को तथैव च।
तेषामपि च गायची कृत्वा स्थाप्य च पूजवेत्॥"

Agni Purana, 49-8:--

" प्रान्तात्मा लम्बनार्यस्य गौगङ्गस्राम्बराखतः। ऊर्द्धपद्मस्थितो बुद्धो वरदाभयदायनः॥"

Bhavisya Purana, 2-73:--

" सुवर्गामयों भगवतः श्रीवृद्धदेवस्य प्रतिमां म्यापयित्वा-उर्चियत्वा च ब्राह्मगाय दयात्।" [P. 27 (cont.)]

Suta Gita, 8-35:-

"तंत्रोक्तेन प्रकारेख देवता या प्रतिद्विता .

साऽपि बन्द्या सुमेळा च पूननीया च वैदिकैः।"

Purport:—The firm conviction in the existence of gods as beings superior to man, whether it take the form of idolworship or not, is also classed as Yajña or the method of worship authorised by the Vedas. The idols which have been established by the rules of the Tantras, are all to be worshipped also by the followers of the Vedas.

Note 4. Original Text for Symbol-worship of Bud-dha-Buddha's Sālagrāma.

वृह्यः गालयामविधानम्।

Brahmanda Purana:--

" चलुगद्धरसंदृतं चक्रद्दीनं यथा भवेत् । निविदो बुद्धसंद्धः खाददानि परसं पदस् ॥ "

Purport:—Round stone images, called Salagramas, have diverse sorts of marks and holes. Each stone, according to its special features, is known as a particular form of Vishnu, such as Sridhara, Lakshmi-Narayana, Padmanāva, Raghunātha, Rana-raghu, etc. A Sālagrama that is endued with a small hole and divested of

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the leaf of the Pippala or Bodhi tree (Aswattha-patra), and made with yellow sandal-wood paste (Harichandana).

This and the preceding texts are intended for Hindu idolators only, who alone are used to such practices. Various forms of Tilaka are used to indicate the various sects of worshippers.

In connection with what follows, it should be noticed that not only the Java images, but Tibetan, Burmese, Japanese, Ceylonese and Chinese images also, show the Tilaka on the forehead of Buddha. See Karl With: Java, Plates 10 to 12; H. G. Wells: A Short History of the World, pp. 151 and 152; Anesaki: Buddhist Art, Plate 12; Woodward: Buddhist Ceylon. Frontispiece; Ashton: Chinese Sculpture, Plate 53, Buddha in Maitreya's Paradise).

The sacred thread depicted on the Java images (Karl With: Plates 8 to 11) is corroborated by Saubhagya Bijaya, the Jaina authority, who says that the Janoi (Yajñopavita or Brahmanical sacred thread) is the distinguishing feature of Buddha's images. (See below, Notes to P. 33).

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Sankaracharya (Hymn to the Ten Avataras):--

" घराबद्धपद्मासनस्याङ्गयश्टि-

र्निर्यम्यानिलं न्यस्तनासाग्रद्खः।

य खास्ते कली योगिनां चन्नवर्त्तीं

स बुद्धः प्रबुद्धोऽस्तु मचित्तवत्तीं ॥"

Purport:—Not only the Hindu Scriptures, but even Sankaracharya, who is supposed by some to have been an opponent of Buddhism, gives directions to the Hindus as to how to meditate on the Buddha.

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Note 1. Original Texts for Buddha's Bratapuja or Ritualistic Worship.

वुद्धस्य व्रतपूजाविधानम् ।

Agni Purana, 16-1:-

"वच्ये बुद्धावतारच्च पठतः म्हरावतोऽर्थदम्।"

Garuda Purana, 1-2-32:-

"संप्रच्यञ्च व्रतादिना।"

The same, 1-149-39:-

"वासुदेवः प्रनर्बुद्धः * * * श्रुत्वा खर्गे व्रजेन्नरः । "

Baraha Purana, 211-65 to 66:--

"पूज्येत् कमलेरेंवि मद्भक्तः संयतेन्द्रयः। मत्यं कूमं वराष्ट्रञ्च नरसिंष्टं च वामनम्॥ रामं रामञ्च क्षयां च बुद्धं चैव च कल्किनम्। यवं दश्रावतारांच्य पुजयेद्धक्तिसंयुतः॥" [P. 29 (cont.)]

Nirnaya Sindhu, Ch. 2:--

"पोषयुक्तस्य महन्यां कुर्व्याद्रुद्धस्य पूजनम्।"

[Other references:—Bratarāja (in the chapter on Ananta Brata, the fifth section on Āvarana Puja); Pratisthā Mayukha ("बुडाय नमो बुडों"); and in the Jataka-Sasthi Puja ("स णातु जातकं नित्यं बुडारूपी जनाईनः।").]

Purport:—A system of ritualistic worship of Buddha, with various items for various occasions, has been ordained by the Hindu Scriptures for all Hindus, and not merely for those who have a predilection for the Buddha's worship.

Note 2. Original Text for the Gayatri or Vedic Formula of Buddha's worship.

वुद्धस्य गायत्रीविधानम्

Linga Purana, 2-48-28 to 33:--

"सत्यः क्रुम्मोऽय दाराहो नागसिंहोऽय दामनः। गमो रामस क्रणास वृद्धः कल्कौ तथेद च तियामपि च ग्रायसीं क्रला स्थाप्य च पृत्रयेत्॥"

Purport:—The Hindus are directed to worship the Buddha in the same manner as they are to worship the other Avataras; viz., by making an image unto him and

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The Meru Tantra is a Hindu work of ritualistic authority. It speaks for the Hindus and Buddhists alike. According to some, boiled rice is not to be offered by any Brahmana devotee of the Buddha; it is meant for the lower castes only. But the Mantram, with libation of Ghrita to the Sacred Fire, is open to all.

It may be remarked here that the prohibition of "boiled-rice offering" to the higher castes has come to be mistaken for prohibition of the worship of Buddha to them. So the Buddha's worship is practically left to the lower castes and foreigners, who may be seen offering boiled rice in their acts of devotion. This accounts for the perversions in the worship of Dharma Thakur, which is in fact Buddha's worship.

Note 4. Original Texts for Buddha's Namaskara or acknowledging Buddha as an object of worship.

वृहस्य नसस्कारविधानस्।

Bhāgavata Purana, 10-40-22 :-"नमो बुद्दाय युद्धाय देखदानवमोहिने।"

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न्लभृतं प्रगतोऽस्मि बुद्धम्"); Devi Bhāgavata, 10-5-14; Dasāvatāra Khanda Prasasti Kāvvam (the passage beginning with "घटचन्ने न्नमभावनापरिगतं").

In this last-mentioned passage, there is a remarkable portion which is worth quoting:

"May the Buddha be your guide, the Buddha who is genuine in his meditation, who openeth not his eyes from sentiments of pity at seeing that the bodies which all human creatures possess contain many holes from which filthy secretions—semen and blood, stools and urine, tears and exudations—constantly ooze out.

'Having recourse to the pretext of meditation, who is that woman of whom thou art thinking? Cast a glance at this female who is being consumed by the passion of love for thee. That thou hast compassion is false. Where is that other male who is more cruel than thou?' May the Buddha, who, although thus addressed repeatedly by the fairies of Cupid's train, stirreth not yet from his meditation,—may that foremost of genuine personalities be your guide in life."

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[Another reference:—Gaya-Prakarana, in the work of Narayana-Bhatta called the Tristhalisetu (the passage beginning with "ततो महानोधितरोरयः।").]

Purport:—The Hindus are enjoined to regard the place Mahabodhi (or Buddha-Gaya), its river (the Phalgu), and its tree (the Bodhi or Mahabodhi tree), as sacred, and to make pilgrimage to adore them. Further, when they arrive there on their pilgrimage, they are first to adore Dharmeswara the Lord of Righteousness, or Buddha, and after him, the Bodhi tree. This is expressly laid down by the authority of the Hindu Scriptures themselves. (Cf. Vayu Purana, cited above, where the words "natwa" and "namet" indicate the order as to which to do first and which next). The term Dharmeswara as well as Dharmaraja refers to the Buddha. (See Sherring's Benares, Ch. 5, p. 86; and cf. Amarakosha, 1-1-1-8).

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Note 1. Vayu Purana, 2-49-26:--

" धर्में धर्मेश्वरं नला महानोधितरं नमेत्।" (The text has been just explained above). (This opposition of Jainism to both Hinduism and Buddhism tends to prove the identity of the two latter—the fact being strengthened by Buddha's wearing the sacred thread of the Hindus).

The original MSS. may be seen at the Museum and Library of P. C. Nahar, Zamindar, Calcutta. The book has been printed at Bhavnagar in the Prachina Tirthamala Samgraha, Part I.

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Note 3. Bhagavata Purana, 1-3-24, ff.:—

"ततः कली संप्रवत्ते संमोच्चाय सुरिद्धिम् ।

बुद्धो नाम्ना जिनसतः कौकटेषु भविष्यति ।

इन्द्रारियाकुलं लोकं म्टडयन्ति युगे युगे ॥

जन्म गुद्धां भगवतो य एतस्रयतो नरः ।

सायं प्रातार्द्रेशन् भन्ना दुःखग्रामादिसुच्यते ॥"

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Note. I. Garuda Purana, 1-2-32:—

"ततः कलेस्त सन्धायां संमोचाय सुरिद्धधाम् । बुद्धो नाम्ना जिनसुतः कीकटेषु भविष्यति । तस्मात्सर्गादयोः जाताः संगृच्यस्य व्रतादिना ॥"

Note 2. The same, 2-31-35:—

"मत्यं क्रुमीं च वराइं नारसिंइं च वामन्म्। रामं रामं च क्षणाञ्च वुद्धञ्चेव सकक्किनम्। यतानि दश्रनामानि सर्त्तेथानि सदा बुधैः॥" Patell's Chronology, p. 48:-

Sir William Jones fixes the date of Buddha at 1027 B.C., Prof. Wilson fixes the date of a second Buddha at 638 B.C., -both concurring with Klaproth. The Buddha of 1027 B.C. is identically the same as the latter Buddha.

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Lalita Vistara, Ch. 25 (Lefmann's Edition,

p. 400):-

" पूरुगबुन्ति धर्म सग्रधेषु सन्ताः ।"

Bhagavata Purana, 1-3-24; Garuda Purana, 1-2-32; the same, 1-149-39:-Note 3.

"सम्मोद्दाय मृग्हिषाम् : "

Suta Samhita, Brahma-Gita, 4-66 to 70:— Note 4.

"तस्सादम्ति * * * खानन्दरूपः सम्पूर्णः ।

इयमेव तु तर्काणां निखाकासा सुरोत्तमाः।

बुद्धाग्रमानां सर्देषां त्रचेदार्द्धाग्रमस्य च ॥"

Purport:—Theism is ultimately reached by reaction from atheism, as the logical outcome of its own critical arguments.

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Note I. Vishnu Purana, 3-18-15 ff.:-

"सायामोच्च उत्राच ।

खर्गांघं यदि वाच्छा वो निर्वाणार्थमघासुराः! तदलं पसुघातादिद्खसमें निवोधत ।

क्केश्ररिष्ठं निच्नता वृण्डिनातञ्च भित्त्वा शिवविरञमशोकां प्रास्थित वोधिमखाम् ॥"

Note 5. Rig Veda Samhita, 10-72-2:—
"देवानां पूर्वे पुगेस्ततः नदनायत।"

The same, 10-129-7:—

"इयं तिन्हिष्टियंत आवसूत यदि वा दम्ने यदि वा न ।" Chhandogya Upanishad, 6-2-1:—

"तद्भेक चान्नरचरेनेटनग्र चार्चारेकनेनाहितीयं तस्ता-रततः चन्नायतः" [On this, see Gough: Philosophy of the Upanishads, p. 185.] Taittiriya Upanishad, 2-7:—

"अनदा इत्मग्र आनीत् ततो वै सदजायत।" Sariraka Bhasya, 2-4-1 (quotes as a Vedic

Text):--

"तटाङः किं तटमटासीटिति ऋषयो वाव तेऽग्रे-उसटासीत्."

Purport:—Non-existent was all this in the beginning; from the non-existent came out the existent. [These are Vedic Texts having reference to Māyā or worlddelusion.]

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Note 1. Kurma Purana, 10-18 :—

"तमो बुडाय शुडाय * * माबिने वेश्वसे तमः :"

Bhagavata Purana, 10-10-22 :—

"तमो बुडाय शुडाय वैखदाददमोस्ति :"

क्रम्मों मृत्वाऽन्या नार्यस दूषिताः कुलघर्मतः । स्रुतिमागं परित्यन्य स्विवाद्याः क्रतास्त्रथा ॥ पुनस्य वेदमार्गो हि निन्दितो नवमे भवे । स्यापितं नास्तिन्नमतं वेदमार्गविरोधकृत् ॥"

Purport:—Vishnu himself and all his incarnations practised deception and committed acts which are condemned by the Vedas and are repugnant to morality.

Note 4. Bhagavad Gita, 15-15:—
"मत्तः स्मृतिज्ञांनमपोच्चनञ्च ।"

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Note I. Kaushitaki Upanishad, 3-9:-

" एष च्रिवेनं साधुक्तमा कारयति तं यमन्वानुनेषत्येष एवेनमसाधुक्तमा कारयति तं यमेश्यो लोकेश्यो नुनुत्सते :"

A better reading is given in Cowell's Edition, p. 101:—

"एष च्चेत साधु कर्म कारयति तं यमेभ्यो लोकंभ्य उदिनीयत एष उ एवासाधु कर्म कारयति तं यमधो निनीयते।"

Note 2. Original Texts for Buddha's Worship in spite of his practising a fraud.

वुद्धम्य क्लनधर्मिलेऽपि पूच्यलविधानम्

Bhagavata Purana, 1-3-24 ff.:—
"ततः कलौ संप्रवृत्ते सम्भोद्याय सुर्राह्मधाम् ।
वृद्धो नाम्ना जिनसुतः कौकटेषु भविष्यति ॥

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Vedas. This is ordained by their own Scriptures.

Note 3. Bhagavata Purana, 6-8-17:— "हैपाचनो भगवानप्रवोधाद

बुद्धस्य पाषग्ङ्गगणप्रमादात्।

कल्कों क्वें कालमलात् प्रपातु

धर्मावनायोखसतावतारः ॥ **"**

Garuda Purana, 202-11:— "बुडः पाषग्रुसङ्घातात् नाल्निरवतु नलम्यात् "

[As to the meaning of पायरह in the sense of those who oppose the Vedic Religion or Sanatana Dharma, see Linga Purana, 40-40 : "वर्णात्रमाणां वे चान्ये पाषगडाः परिपश्चिनः। "]

Purport:—The Vedas are regarded as Revelations. They are, therefore, intended only for the believers—those who have faith in them. The unbelieving people, who have no faith in Revelation, would only tamper with the Vedas, or else destroy them altogether. Hence, Buddha, seeing that atheists will predominate in

the Kali Yuga, came timely to devise a plan for saving the Vedas from their hands.

Note 2. The Sthaviras or Sthiras (i.e., the Elders) were called the Theras in Pali, and their

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[In some editions the reading is सगा हा for मगा हा। See the St. Petersburg Dictionary, under लगा।]

Page 45. (Conclusion).

Note I. Suta Samhita, 4-20-16:—

क्रिम्लेष च भर्मीष बुडाग्रनसम्मिनतः।

भर्माः त्रेष्ठ इति प्रोत्तो नग नेटार्थपारगाः।

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Note I. In Huc's Travels it is said that Ksong-ka-pa
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derived his tenents partly from Buddhism but chiefly from Christianity, through a Roman Catholic Missionary with whom he came in contact. Similar evidences are gathered by Prinsep in his "Tibet,"

A parallel among the Christian Fathers to the Buddhist sect of Apagata-pada-inrakshana or those who were "never guilty of washing their feet" is to be monachism. [See Maudsley: Body and Mind, Psychological Fssays, p. 117.]

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Note 1. Introduction to the Astasāhasrikā:—
भगवती-प्रज्ञापार्गमता-कोचम्।

ं ॐ रमी भगवर्षं चार्वप्रज्ञापार्गमताचे।
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This figure ought to be Kartikeya, who is named "six-headed." These later coins must, therefore, be Brahminical.

"Plate VI. Fig. 1. The type is a Bodhi tree with Buddhist railing, and four small circles.

"Plate VI. Figs. 2, 3. Obverse: Indian Legend, Yaudheyani. Reverse: Combine symbol of Tri-ratna and Dharmachakra.

"Plate VI. Fig. 9. Obverse: Sixheaded male figure. Indian Legend, Bhāgavato Swamina Brāhmana Yaudheya. Reverse: Six-headed figure standing to front between Chaitya and Bodhi tree."

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Note 1. Vachaspati Misra: Nyāyavārtika-Tātparyatikā, p. 300 (in the Vizianagram Series):

> "निष्ठ प्रमाणीक्षतनोद्धाद्यागमा चिष लोकयाचायां श्रुतिस्मृतीतिष्ठासपुराखनिरपेद्धागममाचेण प्रवर्तनो । चिष तु तेऽपि सांद्यतमेतिद्दित ब्रुवाणा लोकयाचायां श्रुवादीने वानुसरिना ।"

English Translation:—

The Buddhist agamas, of which the authority is vainly supported, depend for all that concerns the practical life upon the Sruti, the Smriti, the Itihasas, the

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Note 1. Mundaka Upanishad, 1-2-7 to 10:-

" इवा ह्येते चट्टा वज्ञरूपा

* * लोकं हीनतरं चाविश्चनित ॥"

Gough: Philosophy of the Upanishads, p. 102. (Translation of the above):—

"Sacrifices with their ritual and its eighteen parts are frail boats indeed; and they that rejoice in sacrifice as the best of things, in their infatuation shall pass on again to decay and death" (i.e., shall be again born in the mortal sphere).

Purport:—The ceremonial rites which are attended with animal sacrifices can not lift a man above the mortal sphere at his death. Those who perform works which confer benefits on others, if they think that to be the highest duty of man, go to heaven, but subsequently return again to the mortal sphere. (Means to say that the acquisition of gnosis must be joined to the performance of good works in order to give man a permanent place among the immortals. *Cf.* Isavasya Upanishad, verses 9-11.)

Bhagavadgita, 2-42 to 46:—

"यामिमां प्रिय्यतां वाचं प्रवदंखविपस्थितः।

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Note 2. Brihadaranyaka Upanishad, 4-4-13, (also Satapatha Brahmana, 14-7-2-17):—

"यस्यानुविक्तः प्रतिवुद्ध स्वात्माऽस्मिन् देहे ग्रन्थने प्रविष्ठः। स विश्वकृत् स हि सर्वस्य कर्ता तस्य लोकः स उ लोक एव।"

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Note 3. "Nirvana is the only thing which does not arise as the effect of a cause, and which as cause again does not give rise to any effect."—Dahlke: Buddhist Essays (Silācāra's Translation, p. 88).

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Note 1. Mahaparinirvana Sutra, Ch. 5, § 6:—

Culture of the Will and Duty in Buddhism (Mahaparinirvana Sutra, Ch. 2, § 33; Ch. 5, §§ 4-6):—

"Therefore, O Ananda, be ye lamps unto yourselves. Be ye a refuge to yourselves. Betake yourselves to no external refuge. Hold fast to the truth as a lamp. Hold as a refuge to the truth. Look not for refuge to anyone beside yourselves."

"Now at that time the twin Sāla trees were all one mass of bloom with flowers out of season; and all over the body of the Tathāgata these dropped and

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The Black Vajur Veda, I-5-IO-2; the Katha [P. 67 (cost)] Samhita (Charaka Sākhā), 7-14; the

Samaviāhāna Brahmana, 3-4-4:---

"च्यमिनः ये छत्रनः।"

Taittiriya Brahmana, 2-4-3-3:—

" चिद्रारये प्रदन्ते देवातान्।"

Mahabharata, Rājadharma, 8-37:—

"द्वादतोऽयं भूतिपद्यो नास्यनाननुषुत्रुन।"

Commentery :— बनादिरननाद्यारं चित्रयः प्रशा इत्याः नीतकंतः

The same, 60-52:—

" लोरो वा बरि वा पापो बदि वा पापकत्तनः ।

चगुनिक्कित यसं यः लाघुनेव वदन्ति तन् । "

(This seems to have been the original meaning of the terms Sadhu and Sāchanā. Sadhu is one who performs (in Sanskrit, Sādhaté) the Yajna. Yajna is the rite of the Sacred Fire. Its association with sacrifice is a subsequent affair.

Sankarāchārya: Sādhanapanchaka, verse

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"देशे निव्नदीयतां वद्दिवं कर्क खतुकीयताम्।"

Purport: Study the one principal Veca (the Rig-Veda) and do the one work it prescribes. This one work, as is known to all students of the Rig-Veda, is Agnihotra, or worship of the Sacred Fire. See Sankarāchārya's own gloss on the word Pascal: The quotation is from Adams in his-Secret of Success, p. 222.

Note 3. Rig Veda, 6-48-10; Sama Veda, 2-974:—
"हेंडांसि देवा युगोघि नोऽदेवानि वहरांसि च।"
Purport:—Remove all natural despites
and ungodlike abhorrences.

Isāvāsya Upanishad, 6:—
"ततो न विज्ञापाते।"

Purport:—A man would naturally cease to hate (when he beholds that the Self which is his is the Self in all living beings).

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Note 1. Dhammapada, 26-17, Pali Text:-
"चक्कोसं वधवन्धं च च्यदुहो यो तितिक्खित।

खन्तीवलं वलानिकं तमच्चं त्रूमि द्राष्ट्राग्यं॥"

[Sans.---च्यकोग्रन् वधवन्धो च च्यदुष्टो यस्तितिच्यति।

च्यान्तिवलं वलानीकं तमच्चं व्रवीमि द्राष्ट्राग्यम्॥]

-This saying is justly held to be unparalleled.

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Note 1. The entire passage has been quoted from memory, the original source having been forgotten.

POSTSCRIPT.—Bearing in mind that in slaughter lies the germ of hatred (cf. the beginning of the Appendix), it may be easily understood that Religion, which seeks to promote love can never give counten-

ascends to heaven, and that in return for this act of mercy and benevolence, it takes to heaven the soul of the sacrificer afterwards at the time of his death. Therefore do the Brahmanas say that animal sacrifice in Yajna is not an act of Hinsā (or antipathy) but an act of Ahinsā (or sympathy); but they hold that elsewhere than in Yajna animal slaughter is always an act of Hinsā or antipathy. (In connection with this Brahmanical creed, see Rev. Dr. K. M. Banerji's Tract on the Relation between Christianity and Hinduism. and Dr. Law's Article on the Education of the Jainas.) The term "Ahinsa" occurs in the Upanishads; and comparing the Chhandogya Upanishad (3-17-4) with the Brihadaranyaka Upanishad (5-2-3), it would be found that the original meaning of the term is the same as " $Day\bar{a}$," which is synonymous with sympathy, love, mercy, benevolence, etc. That this is the real meaning of the term is determined by the text of the Mahabharata quoted above (p. 147, line 7), which says that "Ahinsa towards the wicked is Hinsa towards the virtuous." In this text, Ahinsā cannot be taken to mean sacrifice of animals; the term evidently means 'total absence of hatred towards wrong,' i.e., absolute forgiveness of all injuries;—and the whole text, which literally means "sparing the wicked is killing the righteous," aims to give expression to the fact that charity is the negation of morality.



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* More properly, offering boon and protection. The boon is supposed to be in the hand which is lying on the lap. It may be more cr less raised up or it may be kept as it is in the plate.

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बुडागमे सुनिवरा यदि संस्कृतचेन्मृदारिया सततमेव तु धारयेच !

-Suta Samhita, Suta Gita, 8-34.

(b) of Hindu-worship in general:

कामं नेमित्तकं निवं यत्तिश्वतम्म नारदः वर्णात्रमारां तदान्ति खानाने तिलकं विना ।

-Padma Purana, Uttarakhanda.

For the Barābhayada posture:-

(a) of Buddha in particular :

मान्ताता तन्वकर्षस्य गोराङ्गस्यान्दराहतः। ऊर्द्वपद्मस्थितो वृद्धो वरदाभयदायकः।

-Agni Purana, 49-8.

(b) of Hindu Deities in general :-

वरदाभयश्रुलविषाख्यरं प्रख्मामि प्रिवं प्रिवक्खतरम्।

-Nityakarma, Sivastotra, 6. [Siva is the God of Saivas, as Buddha is of Bauddhas.]

नित्वानन्द्वारी वराभयकरी सीन्द्रव्यस्ताकरी। निव्यतिक्विरेपावनकरी प्रवस्तानहेन्द्ररी।

—Sankara's Annapurnā Devi stotra, r. [The Devi or Goddess is the same as Tārā or Prajnāpāramitā of Buddha.]

पातः शिर्षि सङ्घाङी दिनेचं दिसुचं गुरुम्। वराभयकरं शान्तं सरेत्तद्वामपूर्वकम्।

-Guru Gita. Guru-stotra, the Dhyana. [The Guru is here identified with the Deity.]